WEATHER FORECASTS

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday: Victoria and vicinity—Northerly and easterly winds, partly cloudy, with occasional snow or sleet.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, partly cloudy and cold, with occasional snow or sleet.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Royal Victoria—Marguerite Clark.
Pantages—Vaudeville.
Dominion—"The Honor System"
Variety—"Eternal Temptress."
Columbia—William Hart.

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GREATER PRODUCTION OF FOOD DEBATED AT OTTAWA CONFERENCE

Borden This Forenoon Opened Conference Between Dominion Government and Provincial Premiers; Two Sessions Each Day Are Arranged.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The conference between members of the Dominion Government and the Premiers of the various provinces was opened here this forenoon. It is proposed to have two meetings of the conference daily, a forenoon meeting from 11 o'clock to 1 o'clock and an afternoon meeting from 2.30 to 4 o'clock.

With the exception of Premier Brewster of British Columbia, who is on the way, and Premier Norris of Manitoba, who is represented by Hon. Thomas Johnson, all the Provincial Premiers were present at the opening session. Sir Robert Borden opened the conference. The sessions subsequently will be presided over by Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization.

Increased production of foodstuffs is to be taken up first. Ways and means of co-operating between the Dominion and Provincial Governments to this end will receive especial consideration. In view of the decision of the Government not to conscript farm labor, the better distribution of labor is regarded as a question of much importance.

Further subjects to be considered by the conference are:

1. The sale of school lands.
2. Return of soldiers to civil life, including the care of returned soldiers, vocational training and rehabilitation, opportunities for employment and land settlement.
3. Fuel production and distribution, including provision for any anticipated shortage during the coming year.
4. Immigration and colonization.
5. Transfer of their natural resources to the prairie provinces. This subject probably will lead to a prolonged discussion.

ONLY BELLIGERENTS AT PEACE DISCUSSION

Lord Robert Cecil's Reply in Commons to Reference to Pope

London, Feb. 15.—John McKean, a Nationalist member, read an amendment to the Prime Minister's address in the House of Commons last evening, regretting that no reasoned reply had been sent to the Pope's peace note and suggesting that this was due to a secret treaty with Italy recently published in Petrograd which Mr. McKean declared was calculated to demoralize Roman Catholic soldiers, because it excluded representatives of the Holy See from the peace conference.

Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, in replying, denied emphatically that any discredit to the Pope had been intended or that the treaty with Italy had anything to do with the decision not to send a detailed reply to the Pope's note. That decision, he added, was based on the belief that nothing could be usefully added to President Wilson's reply.

The speaker paid warm tribute to the assistance the Pope had given in many war matters and declared that the only clause in the treaty referring to the Holy See was that providing that if Italy objected to the Pope sending a representative to the peace conference Great Britain would support Italy's objection. There was nothing else in it, said Lord Robert, and it really amounted to nothing, because the peace conference would be held between the belligerents, and these only would be entitled to attend it.

Metz and Several Other Enemy Points Bombed by French

Paris, Feb. 15.—"On the night of February 12-13," the War Office here reported to-day, "French aerial squadrons dropped 4,500 kilograms of projectiles on the railroad stations at Thionville, Conflans, Schemblez, Metz and Sablons. Fire and explosions were observed at Schemblez, Metz and Sablons."

REGISTRATION PLAN TO BE KNOWN SOON

Ottawa Shortly Will Announce Man-Power Scheme; Votes for Women

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—No official announcement has been made as yet in regard to the details of the Government's plan to secure a registration of the man and woman-power of Canada, as announced in an official statement given out last night. It is understood, however, that the plan is well matured and that the general scheme will soon be known. As announced, the inventory will be secured by a system of compulsory registration applicable to all persons over sixteen years of age.

It is authoritatively explained that the Government's statement in regard to its policy as to labor does not cover all the matters dealt with at the recent conference between the War Committee of the Cabinet and the representatives of labor. Some of the most important and urgent of the proposals will not be overlooked by the Government.

—Votes For Women.

The labor men urged that "The further industrial development of women should be accompanied by political equality." The extension of the franchise to women, it is explained, is already the established policy of the Government, and it is certain that woman suffrage will be an established fact in Canada at least before another general election comes around.

The labor men also suggested that the question of allowing light beers to be sold in Canada should be dealt with as a social measure, and not under the War Measures Act. The Government's attitude in regard to this proposal, it is stated, was defined by Hon. N. W. Rowell in his recent Ottawa address when he announced it is the intention of the Government to stand by its prohibition policy.

ALLIED AIRMEN AID IN WORK OF PROPAGANDA IN GERMANY

Washington, Feb. 15.—The much-ridiculed German sausage may be playing an important part toward disintegrating the Kaiser's army.

France's message to the German troops that they will do well to surrender and to give the password "Kamerad Republique" is being carried to the German front lines in sausage meat and in other ways.

Small vials containing the message on oiled paper are dropped in Germany from Allied aeroplanes, and relatives who hope for peace and that the lives of their men to be spared, slip the message into things they send to the troops. Many of those receiving the message surrender and surprisingly few spies have been found among their number.

Information to this effect was given to-day to the House Committee on Postal Expenditures, which was hearing a representative of the Committee on Public Information on the propaganda campaign being carried on in Germany by the Allies.

Propaganda pamphlets showing the war aims of the Allies for the overthrow of the Prussian autocracy are being dropped from aeroplanes 200 and 300 miles behind the German front line, the Committee was told.

The Germans in Switzerland who are working for a German republic also are using their own methods to have troops surrender, giving the password "Kamerad Republique."

IS PRESIDING AT OTTAWA CONFERENCE; HON. J. A. CALDER

Germans Trying to Take Over Some of Weather God's Work

Washington, Feb. 15.—Two new zeppelins of large dimensions and provided with apparatus for producing artificial fog were reported over Lake Constance in an official dispatch to-day from France. It is reported that the craft were sent to a German seaport.

Fresh British Gain Made Northeast of City of Jerusalem

London, Feb. 15.—"Yesterday we advanced our line on a front of six miles to an average depth of two miles on either side of the village of Mukhmas, eleven and one-half miles northeast of Jerusalem," says a report from General Allenby.

ENEMY FAILED TO START OFFENSIVE ON WEST LINE TO-DAY AS HE ADVERTISED

London, Feb. 15.—It is recalled by Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France that to-day was the day fixed by German newspapers last month for the opening of the much-advertised great German offensive. This morning's report to British headquarters from the battlefront, however, showed that all was quiet, except for the usual artillery firing on various sectors.

London, Feb. 15.—Following is to-day's official announcement:

"The enemy's artillery showed considerable activity early in the night against our front line in the Queant sector. Apart from patrol encounters in the region of Lens, in which we secured prisoners, there is nothing further to report.

"Yesterday morning an attack by a German raiding party on a Belgian post east of Merckem was successfully repulsed."

French Report.

Paris, Feb. 15.—French troops last night penetrated the German lines northeast of Courcy, on the Aisne front, and returned with a number of prisoners, the War Office announced this afternoon.

A lively artillery duel was maintained in the Champagne, notably in the sector of Butte-du-Mesnil, where American batteries are stationed. The night was marked by violent bombardments on the right bank of the Meuse River and in the Woevre region. In Upper Alsace French troops repulsed a German raid in the district south of Seppois.

The text of the report follows:

"Detachments of French troops last night penetrated the German lines northeast of Courcy and returned with a dozen prisoners and one machine gun.

"In the Champagne a lively artillery duel was maintained throughout the night, notably in the sector of Butte-du-Mesnil. The total number of prisoners taken by us in the course of the operation at this point on February 13 was 177.

"On the right bank of the Meuse River and in the Woevre the night was marked by heavy bombardments. In Upper Alsace French troops repulsed a German raid in the region south of Seppois.

"Elsewhere the night was calm."

Giving of Cholm to Ukraine Matter of Grief to the Poles

Washington, Feb. 15.—The Polish people consider the cession of the Government of Cholm to the new Ukrainian Republic another partition of Poland. An official dispatch said to-day that when the news was received in Cracow the inhabitants appeared in mourning and theatres and moving picture houses were closed. The population of the district taken is about eighty per cent. Polish.

EFFORT TO PUT END TO VIOLENT ACTS ON THE ALAND ISLANDS

Stockholm, Feb. 15.—At the request of the Swedish Government, M. Borovskyodovsky, the Bolsheviki representative here, will leave for the Aland Islands to-day on board a warship to induce the Russian soldiers to stop their acts of violence against the inhabitants. The Russians also will be asked to leave the islands on Swedish vessels.

Vessels of a rescue expedition sent to the Aland Islands by Sweden have sent a wireless dispatch that all is well on Ekeroe, one of the largest of the islands.

A second rescue expedition to Finland has left Maentyluoto with 639 passengers for Sweden.

OVER FIFTY-FIVE BABIES PERISHED

Full Fire Casualty List at Montreal Nunnery Not Yet Made Up

Montreal, Feb. 15.—It was established this afternoon that at least fifty-five babies perished when the creche of the Grey Nunnery here was destroyed by fire last night. This is not the total figure, as the sisters have not yet been able to locate all the babies that were taken to places of safety after they had been carried from the burning building. It represents the number of charred remains found by the firemen who continued the search this morning.

Many young mothers whose children had been placed in the creche for care besieged the sisters for information about their little ones this morning. None of the bodies are recognizable and the only suggestion there is to enable a partial identification to be made is the part of the creche they were found in.

The monetary loss on the building will be $125,000, on which there is $100,000 insurance. An examination of those who first saw the flames revealed the fact that they sprang from a point near which a wire that carried the current to the X-ray machine in the military hospital joined the main wire. All the apparatus of the military hospital, valued at many thousands of dollars, was saved by fine work of the salvage corps.

Mayor Knocked Down.

While on his way to the fire last night Mayor Martin was struck and knocked down by a carriage as he was crossing the street to speak to Chief Tremblay. Fortunately he was not seriously hurt. Later he went to the Notre Dame Hospital, where doctors attended his injuries.

The loss of life in the fire is a record for Montreal.

As soon as the alarm was given at the Grey Nunnery the soldiers who were able to join in the work of rescue hastened to do everything possible to help get the babies out, and it is stated that many of these did heroic work in the rescuing of the little ones.

One sergeant of the 13th Highlanders who recently had returned from overseas rescued no fewer than ten babies. Five times he climbed up to the top of the building through the smoke and flames and each time he returned with two children, one under each arm, until finally the advance of the fire made it impossible for him to do any more. Then the typical Highlander dropped out of sight and only those who saw what he had done knew that he had helped save the lives of nearly a dozen children.

Lieut. R. W. Steven, who has been discharged after service overseas, went to the scene at once and when he was satisfied that all the soldiers were out of the building remained in the building seeing if he could be of aid. He found a girl of about thirteen years on the third floor in the central section of the institution and carried her to the street despite the fact that he had suffered an injury to his leg on service overseas.

QUARTER MILLION WANTED THIS YEAR

Victoria Patriotic Aid Society Issues Annual Appeal for Soldiers' Dependants

COMMITTEE CONFIDENT OF LIBERAL RESPONSE

Preliminary to the opening of the campaign on behalf of the Victoria Patriotic fund, which will open March 4 and continue for a week, the campaign committee of the Victoria Patriotic Society has issued the following explanatory statement:

"Shortly after war broke out, three and one-half years ago, the Canadian Patriotic Fund was organized, and the men who have, since that time, gone to the Front, have done so under the positive assurance that while they fought for their country those who stayed at home would look after their dependents, and see that they had sufficient money on which to live in reasonable comfort.

"Once each year those in charge of the Patriotic Fund have appealed to the people of Canada to supply them with the means to do this, and have been furnished with what was necessary.

"The comparative silence of the Fund administrators amid the clamor of the numerous charities appealing for aid may, however, tend to make the people forget its paramount claims to their assistance.

Aided by Fund.

"Some idea of what is being done throughout Canada may be gathered from the fact that in Victoria alone 3,888 soldiers' dependents in which are 1,400 families, are receiving each month an allowance from the Fund. This means that hundreds of infant children will grow into strong and healthy citizens because their mothers have the means to buy them wholesome and sufficient food, hundreds of children attending the public schools are well fed and decently clad, and thousands of women are living in comparative comfort, while every soldier that we have seen leave for the war knows that those who are nearest and dearest to him are not in want through his having done his duty to his country.

"To a soldier at the Front, wounded and in hospital, or a prisoner in Germany, the certain knowledge that all is well at home is the best comfort that can be given him by his fellow-countrymen, who have remained in Canada.

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AUSTRIAN CHAMBER MAY BE DISSOLVED

Government Outvoted in Lower House; Indignation of Poles Cause

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—Dissolution of the lower House of the Austrian Reichsrath is possible as a result of Polish indignation over the cession of Cholm to the Ukraine, according to the Vienna correspondent of The Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin. It appears that the Polish members joined with the Czechs and Slavs to form a coalition of 217 votes against the Government, while the German and Ukrainian parties together number only 212. The Socialists, who have been opposed to all war credits, thus hold the balance of power.

Polish Deputation.

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—The Tageliche Rundschau, of Berlin announces that a deputation of Polish troops from Russia has arrived secretly at Warsaw on a special mission to the Polish Cabinet.

Petrograd dispatches early this month said that about 40,000 Polish troops in the Russian army had expressed a desire to return from Russia to Poland, but had been stopped by a German objection to the plan. Germany, it was stated, absolutely refused to permit their repatriation.

The Polish troops have maintained their units intact in the face of the Bolsheviki reorganization measures. The soldiers still are commanded by their old officers, the Bolsheviki idea of reducing the officers to the ranks and electing new ones having been resisted.

FERNIE IS FACING HEAVY TAX RATE

Fernie, Feb. 15.—At a meeting of the Fernie City Council last evening the estimates for the current year were introduced. While the figure has not been definitely fixed, the tax rate for this year will be at least thirty-eight mills as compared with twenty-nine mills in 1917—a phenomenal increase of nine mills.

DISAPPOINTED HEADS OF GERMANS TALK OF MOVE ON PETROGRAD

Having Failed to Browbeat Bolsheviki Into Signing Peace, Junker Leaders Take to Talking of Operations Against Northern Russia.

London, Feb. 15.—Peace on the German terms having been refused by the Bolsheviki Government, Germany is threatening to take up military operations again against Northern Russia. A resolution to this effect is reported to have been arrived at at a conference at Imperial headquarters between the Kaiser and military and political leaders. Petrograd probably will be the objective of the new invasion.

The negotiations at Brest-Litovsk broke up in a stormy session, after which Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, enunciated a plan of "no war, but no peace." This was rejected by Germany, which holds that Trotzky's declaration ended the armistice on the Russian front.

It is indicated in Vienna dispatches that the Central Powers made peace with the Ukraine in order to offset their diplomatic defeat at the hands of Trotzky. It is reported that Germany will support the Ukraine against the Bolsheviki.

At a Conference.

London, Feb. 15.—Germany has resolved to renew military activities against Northern Russia. This decision is said to have been reached at a conference at Imperial headquarters, special dispatches from Holland say.

The conference was attended by Kaiser Wilhelm, Chancellor von Hertling, Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, General von Ludendorff, Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann and others.

Look Toward Petrograd.

The no-war-but-no-peace plan of Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, was rejected at the conference, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of The London Daily Express, as Trotzky does not want peace, he will get war, decided the German leaders, whose idea is said to be that the invasion of Northern Russia will continue at any rate until Petrograd is occupied by German troops.

A dispatch to The Daily News from Rotterdam says that the Germans take the view that Trotzky's declaration, though it did not end the war, automatically ended the armistice. The Germans now consider that they have a free hand and mean to use the opportunity.

This, according to the correspondent, does not mean necessarily that the Germans will immediately try to reach Petrograd, but more probably that they will support the Ukraine by force of arms. The Germans, he says, are carrying on an active propaganda in the Ukraine for the purpose of suggesting to the Rada that the new state is endangered by the Bolsheviki. It is declared that this is all part of Germany's scheme for breaking up the former Russian Empire with a view to extending her own power and influence over the new states, to whom she is pretending to be a protector.

Against Ukraine.

It is certain that the Bolsheviki now are moving troops against the Ukraine, a Berlin dispatch to The Koelnische Volks Zeitung says, and the Central Powers do not intend to allow themselves thus to be robbed of the fruits of their lately-concluded peace.

The newspaper adds that it "probably was decided at the conference at Imperial headquarters to resume operations on the Northern Russia front for the protection of the Ukraine."

Eight Small British Craft Were Sunk by Destroyers of Germany

London, Feb. 15.—Eight small British craft—seven drifters and one trawler—which were hunting German submarines in the Strait of Dover, have been sunk by a raiding flotilla of enemy destroyers, it is announced officially.

After having sunk these vessels the enemy destroyers returned rapidly northward before they could be engaged.

LITVINOFF AT WORK AMONG THE BRITISH

Bolsheviki Agent Wishes Munitions Workers to Rebel; Authorities Watching

London, Feb. 15.—The authorities are considering the activities of Maxim Litvinoff, the Bolsheviki representative in London. Although he has not been recognized by the Government, Litvinoff has been issuing among munitions workers pamphlets bearing the seal of the "Russian People's Embassy," which the newspapers assert are incitements to revolution. In the House of Commons Mr. Pemberton-Billings, Independent, asked whether Litvinoff was to be deported as an undesirable alien. The Home Secretary replied that the matter was receiving his attention.

It is recalled that Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, recently protested strongly that the British and American Embassies in Petrograd had tried to interfere in Russian politics but that Sir George Buchanan, the British Minister, and David Francis, the American Minister, declared these charges were unfounded.

ROOSEVELT REGAINING USUAL GOOD HEALTH

New York, Feb. 15.—Colonel Roosevelt has so far recovered from his recent operations for abscesses that he will be able to leave the hospital to go to his hotel within two weeks and return to his home in Oyster Bay ten days later.

GERMAN-ENGINEERED PLAN IN FLANDERS ROUSES BELGIANS

London, Feb. 15.—A few weeks ago the "Council of Flanders" resolved upon the complete independence of Flanders and decided to hold new elections, which are now in progress, although a majority of the people have refrained from voting.

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—Les Nouvelles, of Maastricht, reports that the Belgian Government having ordered the Belgian judges in the occupied territory to prosecute all activists guilty of having announced the fall of the King's Government and of proclaiming autonomy in Flanders, the three presidents of the Brussels court of cassation placed under arrest Pierre Tock and Dr. August Borms, leaders of the activist movement.

The Germans immediately hurried to the Palace of Justice in Brussels and arrested the presidents, at the same time releasing Borms and Tock. The news spread and delegates representing Brussels societies met in the main square, where a demonstration of thousands of persons was being carried out. Police and soldiers charged and fired upon the crowds, several soldiers and civilians being killed or wounded.

The three magistrates were sent to Germany. Later the court of cassation met and decided to resign in a body if the three magistrates were not released. All the Belgian tribunals have united and have decided to strike.

The Belgian people, everywhere, according to this report, are in a state of extreme indignation against the Flemish inhabitants

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BREST-LITOVSK EVENT HAD A STORMY END

Zurich, Feb. 15.—The Munich, Bavaria, correspondent of The Neue Augsburg Zeitung, says he learns that the discussions at Brest-Litovsk last Sunday between Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary; Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, were particularly stormy and ended in a violent rupture which bore all the seeds of a future conflict.

"That is why the conference at German main headquarters is discussing the eventuality of very energetic military measures against the Russians," the correspondent says.

DUNCAN VITAL STATISTICS.

Duncan, Feb. 15.—Records at the Government office here, for the month of January, show six births, four deaths, one marriage.

Six panthers were brought in to claim the Government bounty.

Stray Dogs.

Suggestions have been made that action should be taken by food control bodies with regard to stray dogs and cats, each one of which during the nesting season and after the birds are hatched destroy hundreds of eggs and young birds. The dogs very often go hunting in couples, and there is no difficulty to any sportsman in recognizing dogs on mischief bent. As far as sheep are concerned there has been less trouble hereabouts so far from dogs, than in any previous year.

MINOR SUCCESSES WON BY ITALIANS

Rome, Feb. 15.—The following official report was issued here last evening:

"There was frequent harassing artillery fire in the Giudicaria Valley, on the eastern edge of the Asiago Plateau and along the middle Piave. Between Garda and the Adige small parties of our Arditti, after crossing several belts of wire entanglements, reached the enemy's advanced line at two points, killing various sentries and capturing a few others.

"East of the bridgehead at Capo Sile we exploded a mine, blowing up an enemy advanced post. The entire garrison was killed by the explosion. We captured a few rifles."

FIVE YEARS' NEEDS OF C. N. R. $86,000,000

Expert's Estimate; Arbitration Commissioners Say Money Market Not Favorable

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Mr. Coverdale, a New York adviser on railway reorganization, testified before the C. N. R. Arbitration Board yesterday as to the equipment requirements of the C. N. R. He went over the immediate requirements of the C. N. R. as regards equipment at the time of the Loomis-Platten report of 1916. That report estimated that $50,000,000 was needed to be spent on rolling stock at the prices which prevailed at that time to enable the concern to handle business which it had to turn away. He also went over a programme of the next five years' requirements.

He said the road would need the expenditure of more than a million dollars in Toronto, $373,000 on the Ottawa line and $123,000 on the Sudbury line. For extensions, some of which have since been completed, $16,000,000 was required and for improvements and betterments, $11,000,000. In all $86,000,000 would be required in the next five years to bring the road to a satisfactory revenue-producing basis.

Not Feasible.

At the afternoon session Chief Justice Harris suggested to P. Butler, of the Minnesota Bar, who represents Mackenzie & Mann, that the $86,000,000 five-year programme mapped out by Mr. Coverdale was not feasible in the present state of the money market, a view with which Sir William Meredith said he was very much impressed.

"You have to nurse it along till money can be got, with a deficit every year," declared Chief Justice Harris. "That is the situation and you might as well face it."

Mr. Butler retorted that it was absurd to think that a railroad was going to stand aside while business was clamoring to get on to its tracks and was to forego business because of lack of equipment.

"You are speaking beside the mark," declared Sir William. "The Public Works Department has shut down on all these things."

Mr. Butler replied that the Public Works Department of the United States was getting ready to expend millions in connection with the railways.

CZERNIN TO SPEAK.

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, according to a Vienna dispatch, has announced his intention of delivering a long statement to the delegations of the two monarchies on Saturday concerning the Brest Litovsk negotiations and President Wilson's latest speech.

CANADIAN MAN-POWER REGISTRATION SOON

Announced by Government; but There Will Not Be Farm Conscription

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—After a meeting the Cabinet shortly before last midnight gave out an announcement as to its immediate policy in regard to labor.

The Government will not conscript men for farm labor under the Military Service Act, but will take immediate steps to secure a registration and inventory of the man-power of the Dominion. A classification of the industries of Canada also will be made by the new War Trade Board. There will be no importation of coolie labor at present, to which exception is taken by the labor men, but this matter may be given further consideration at a later date. No decision has been reached in regard to the conscription of alien labor.

The statement, which is the result of the recent conference with labor men from all parts of Canada, says the Government has reached the following conclusions:

No Farm Conscription.

"1. Through its representatives at the Ottawa conference Canadian labor has expressed its unqualified disapproval of any form of conscription for service on the farms.

"The Government, after careful consideration of the question from all sides, is unable to accept the view that men called out under the Military Service Act, but physically unfit should be conscripted for farm labor. The state undoubtedly is entitled to command the services of all its citizens in time of national peril, but the Government recognizes that in addition to the objections so strongly urged by organized labor against industrial conscription, compulsory service of individual citizens for individual farmers in Canada is impracticable.

"2. With regard to the possible conscription or other utilization of alien labor, the problems involved are so complex and difficult, especially from the international standpoint, that it has not as yet been possible to reach a definite decision. It is fully expected that a conclusion will be reached within the course of a few days, when the Government will be in possession of further information bearing on the problem.

Coolie Labor.

"3. The representatives of labor directly challenged the necessity for the importation of coolie labor, and stated that there is sufficient labor in Canada, if it is properly organized, to man all our essential industries. They regard the importation of coolie labor as bound to degrade the industrial, social and moral standards of the people. The Government is anxious to avoid the importation of coolie labor, but if in the future it appears impossible to meet the war needs in Canada without the temporary utilization of such labor in certain essential fields of employment, the matter will receive further consideration by the Government after consultation with labor.

"4. The Government recognizes that the labor situation could be relieved to some extent by diverting labor from the less essential to the more essential industries, and to this end is taking measures to secure a classification of the industries of Canada. On the War Trade Board, which is dealing with this matter, labor is represented by its own nominees."

Registration.

"5. If the Canadian man-power in the broadest sense of the term is to be thoroughly organized so that the best possible results can be achieved for all our war activities, it will be necessary to have made an accurate and complete inventory of the men and women of the country. This can only be secured by a system of compulsory registration applicable to persons over sixteen years of age.

"The Government will take immediate steps to secure this registration and inventory, and on any committees appointed to deal with the matter, labor will be given fair representation.

"It is the intention of the Government to conduct a thoroughly organized propaganda to secure, by voluntary enlistment, the necessary men and women to assist in the campaign for greater food production, as well as to secure the labor required for other essential industries. In the organization and conduct of this campaign the Government will not only invite the co-operation of labor but on all committees appointed will give labor fair representation. The Government appreciates the sympathetic spirit manifested by the representatives of labor and their assurances of hearty support in the efforts that the Government proposes to put forth to meet the present emergency.

"While it has not been possible to come to a decision upon many of the details presented in the report of organized labor, the Government feels confident that these will be satisfactorily adjusted by the committees to be created for grappling with the grave problems that now confront the nation.

"The Government is assured that great advantage to the public interest will result from its recent conferences with the representatives of organized labor in Canada."

190 RETURNED MEN COMING TO VICTORIA

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Three special trains are en route West bearing returned soldiers who arrived at an Atlantic port recently. The first has on board 190 men for Victoria, the second eighty-two for Regina and Calgary, and the third 270 for Winnipeg and other points in M. D. 10. The trains left Halifax on Wednesday.

ITALIANS PREPARED FOR ENEMY EFFORT

General Diaz Has Complete Confidence in His Heroic Troops

Rome, Feb. 14.—General Diaz, Commander-in-Chief of the Italian armies, in an interview in The Giornale d'Italia says that now that the Eastern front does not worry the Central Empires, Italy must be prepared for a new Austro-German effort against herself.

"It is impossible to say," he added, "when that may occur, much depending on the weather. But in the two terrible winter months of November and December the enemy's intention to break through was in vain before the resistance of our soldiers, who realize they are defending our soil and our homes.

"The victorious struggle on the high plateau luminously shows the tenacity and aggressive spirit of our soldiers."

General Diaz said he had thorough confidence in the Italian soldiers, who had made such a splendid resistance on the high plateau of Monte Grappa and along the Piave, but they needed the support of the whole country, since "the families of combatants and all citizens must be the most solid strategic reserve against the enemy, thus hastening the next phase of the war—the victory of our troops."

ENTERTAINMENT HELD IN DUNCAN; WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BENEFITS

Duncan, Feb. 15.—The Cowichan Women's Institute has benefited substantially as a result of an entertainment given in the Duncan Opera House to raise money for the organization's fund. The programme was opened by a piano and violin duet by Mrs. Bell and Mr. Pollock, and songs by Robert Musgrave and Mrs. McConnan, of Victoria. The comedy, "The Spinsters' Convention," a ridiculous caricature of a type of woman long since extinct, was enacted in a lively manner by a bevy of ladies whose old-fashioned costumes were as great a caricature as their manners. Mrs. Fairfax Prevost as chairman of the convention was very convincing. The parts of Mrs. W. A. Willett as secretary and Mrs. Smithson as treasurer, Mrs. Marlow as an ultra sentimental spinster, Miss Goeghegan as an advocate of dress reform and Mrs. Henderson as a deaf old maid were well sustained. Others taking minor parts were Mrs. Ernest Price, Miss M. Waldon, Miss Maud Wilson, Mrs. W. Morten, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Garrard, Miss E. Sherman, Mrs. Grover, Miss K. Powel and Mrs. Carr Hilton.

G. O. Pooley, as the professor, performed an amusing part very well, and the local hits were many and clever.

Wee Dolby Bevan as cupid was a very attractive feature of the evening. Miss Edith Bevan's song and dance were greatly admired, and Mrs. McConnan's song, "Cuckoo," was doubly encored. The colored lights arranged by Mr. Scholey were an added attraction to these three features.

Mr. Willett on the violin and Mrs. H. D. B. Holmes as a reciter closed a programme that had drawn an audience of well over 400.

The door receipts amounted to $180, and from this sum the expenses will have to be deducted, but it is expected that $60 will defray all expenditures.

PROTEST AGAINST LIQUOR IN BRITAIN

Port Arthur, Feb. 15.—The Port Arthur City Council has passed a strongly-worded resolution protesting against Canada sending grain to Britain without a guarantee that it, or other grain for which it may be substituted, is not used for the manufacture of liquor.

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BEAVERBROOK'S WORK SUBJECT OF QUERIES

Bonar Law Tells Commons He Will Control Propaganda Work

London, Feb. 14.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—In the House of Commons P. Alden, Liberal member for Tottenham, asked what were the special qualifications of Lord Beaverbrook for the position of Minister of Propaganda, why it is linked up with the Chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster, and, seeing that the former office affected the United States, whether the Prime Minister could assure the House that Lord Beaverbrook was persona grata in the United States.

W. F. Roche, a Liberal, asked precisely what duties would be carried out by Lord Beaverbrook besides the duties connected with the chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster and whether Lord Beaverbrook was a member of the War Cabinet.

Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law replied: "Lord Beaverbrook will undertake duties in connection with propaganda which had been performed by Sir Edward Carson prior to his resignation. The Prime Minister offered Lord Beaverbrook the appointment because he thought he would do the work successfully. Lord Beaverbrook is not a member of the War Cabinet."

A. F. White, Liberal member for Perth, affirmed that the appointment created widespread dissatisfaction.

Mr. Bonar Law replied: Perhaps Mr. White is a better judge of that than I am."

SOUTHWESTERN RUSSIA AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

London, Feb. 15.—The Bund, of Berne, reports the successful conclusion of negotiations at Ekaterinoslav to form a union of all the southwestern republics against the Bolsheviki. It also was agreed to form a joint army to clear South Russia of Bolsheviki troops.

CANADA MUST HELP BRITAIN WITH MEAT

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The Canada Food Board has just received from the British Ministry of Food a memorandum showing the estimated supplies of beef and mutton available for the civilian population of Great Britain during 1918. It reveals an estimated deficiency in supplies of beef and mutton amounting to nearly thirty per cent. as compared with 1916-17.

The total supplies at present in sight for the current year are not more than 88,000 tons per month.

Henry B. Thomson, chairman of the Canada Food Board, said: "We have reached the position where the meat supplies of the army are endangered. The utmost economy in the use of meat is an imperative duty upon every man, woman and child in the Dominion."

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The following casualties have been announced:

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Killed in action—Lieut. Leslie H. Gould, Winnipeg.

Wounded—Pte. W. A. Malpass, Vancouver; Lieut. J. Grand, Vancouver.

5,000 COPIES OF "FINISHED MYSTERY" TAKEN AT EDMONTON

Edmonton, Feb. 15.—Five thousand copies of "The Finished Mystery," the publication sold by the International Bible Students' Association were confiscated here yesterday by the city police in pursuance of the order from Ottawa. Chief of Police Hill also issued instructions to the effect that any person found with the book in his possession would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

BRITISH COMMONS.

London, Feb. 15.—Through the adoption last night by the House of Commons of the address in reply to the speech from the throne, which was accomplished without division, the attacks against the Government for the time being have come to naught.

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PATRIOTIC FUND WILL BE SUPPORTED

But Vancouver Great War Veterans Urge Government to Assume Task

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—At a meeting of the Vancouver branch of the Great War Veterans' Association held last night it was decided to support the Canadian Patriotic Fund in its coming campaign for funds. At the same time the meeting went on record as being opposed to the Fund as at present constituted, and went on record as urging the Government to take over and administer the Fund.

Free medical attention by qualified medical officers for all dependents of men serving with the Canadian forces is urged in a resolution passed.

Another resolution passed urges that all aliens should be conscripted and made to work at the fighting men's pay and their dependents receive the same as soldiers' wives, and condemns the action of the Okanagan Fruit Growers' Association with regard to the question of Oriental labor, and endorses the action of the B. C. Federation of Labor in this regard.

IDEA OF TEUTONS ABOUT EAST FRONT

Ukrainian Peace Designed to Make Breach in That Front

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—The peace with the Ukraine was made not only so that the Central Powers might obtain foodstuffs, but also to affect a breach in the Eastern front, it is indicated in dispatches from Vienna. A statement from a well-informed source dealing with the conclusion of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations and given to Vienna newspaper says:

"As Trotzky's attitude, particularly concerning the application of the principle of self-determination, made a satisfactory conclusion impossible, it became the political task of the powers who were working for peace to make a breach in the Eastern front—that is, to arrange a peace with the Ukraine, thereby also arriving at a settlement of the Russian and Roumanian questions. Peace with the Ukraine had to be made if only because a way was opened by it to Eastern Europe's richest granary. True, the country is not yet organized properly, but opportunity to effect improvements is now given, and in conformity with the agreement stocks of food will be imported here as far as they are available."

The statement adds that peace with the Ukraine was obtainable only on condition that Cholm should be ceded to the Ukraine, the desire for which could be fulfilled by the application of the self-determination which is recognized as applying to Russian territory. Cholm, it is declared, is such a mixed up country ethnographically that there can be no question of its belonging to Poland.

Grain Supply.

In conformity with the stipulations of the treaty all the Ukrainian surplus grain is to be exported up to July 31.

"A commission has been formed to determine the amount of supplies and to what extent we can give assistance in this respect," the statement says. "Assistance will be given both technically and militarily. Military support will be required if central depots and junctions must be protected from attacks by bandits and the Bolsheviki. It is not a question of a military alliance but a common organization for the protection of the railway service and delivery of grain."

The statement then refers to the effect produced at Brest-Litovsk by the conclusion of peace with the Ukraine, and says: "Trotzky and his Government, recognizing the impossibility of continuing the war under the present circumstances, preferred to lay down their arms with a certain eclat and to assume the pose of an oppressed people. The Russian tactics, however, appear to be the worst for them, because we are in nowise bound by their declaration and from the standpoint of international law we are still in a state of war with Russia, qualified at present by the temporary armistice.

"The Russian Government gave us an opportunity to denounce the armistice and continue the war or to make a similar peace declaration. The Austro-Hungarian Government has no reason to denounce the armistice.

Not Binding Themselves.

"In Germany a more skeptical opinion appears to prevail, but an exchange of views should soon take place. On the other hand it would be a great mistake on our part to announce a state of peace now and thus bind ourselves. That would not do if, for example, we have to intervene to protect the Ukraine.

"Our relations with the Russian Government, however, are not broken; neither do the Russians wish this. On the contrary, they desire to continue diplomatic relations through the wireless and the commissions now sitting in Petrograd.

"We shortly expect a declaration that Roumania is ready to enter into negotiations with us."

MONTREAL MAYORALTY.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—L. A. Lapointe, M. P., an ex-Alderman, has decided to run for the mayoralty of Montreal against Mayor Martin. Alfred Leduc, M. P., also is mentioned as a likely starter in the mayoralty race. The municipal elections in Montreal are held in April.

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RAID BY CANADIANS AT LENS A SUCCESS

Germans Killed; Some Prisoners and Two Machine Guns Taken

London, Feb. 15.—Field-Marshal Haig reported last night:

"Early this morning enemy trenches at Lens again were raided successfully by Canadian troops. A number of Germans were killed and a few prisoners and two machine guns were captured. The raiding party returned to our lines without loss.

"Several other prisoners were brought in during the day by our patrols.

"On the southern portion of the front there was some hostile artillery activity to-day in the neighborhood of the Souchez River."

French Report.

Paris, Feb. 15.—The War Office here reported last night:

"Northwest and east of Rheims we carried out raids and brought back prisoners.

"In Champagne both artilleries were quite active. Our batteries caught under their fire and dispersed a strong enemy concentration reported south of La Dormoise.

"Belgian communication: In the last two days there has been moderate activity. Last night a German detachment which attempted to approach one of our advanced posts in the region of Kippe was completely dispersed by our fire."

ARMS ON WAY TO FINLAND SEIZED IN STOCKHOLM HARBOR

London, Feb. 15.—Great quantities of arms and munitions bound for Finland have been seized in the harbor of Stockholm, The Social Demokraten, of Stockholm, says, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. A million cartridges, it is stated, were delivered to the order of an alleged private individual.

The workmen at the Vesteras factory have informed the Government that they will stop work if exportation of munitions is permitted.

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Daisy—Don't worry. No woman will live long with such a freak. You'll get a chance at him.—St. Louis Times.

U BOAT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SUNK

Paris, Feb. 15.—An encounter between two French hydro-aeroplanes and a German submarine in the English Channel recently probably resulted in the sinking of the submarine after it had been bombed by the aeroplanes, according to an announcement by the French Admiralty.

The aeroplanes were on patrol duty over the Channel when they discovered the submarine on the surface. They attacked it after manoeuvring so that the sun was at their backs, and the submarine plunged, but it did not disappear before the aviators had succeeded in dropping several bombs on or near the periscope.

While one aeroplane returned to the base for more bombs, the other kept watch and saw the submarine emerge after a few seconds with a list to port of forty-five degrees. After attempting to right itself, the submarine again disappeared only to reappear a third time. Its instability, however, increased and suddenly the observer saw the U boat list still further and sink so that even the periscope could not be seen.

"CITIZENS OF HEAVEN" ARRESTED AS ALIENS

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 15.—Four members of the Church of the Living God were arrested by the police here yesterday for failing to register as enemy aliens. They declared they were citizens of Heaven and enemies of no land, and therefore would not register as enemy aliens.

The four are natives of Germany.

JOFFRE NOW MEMBER OF FRENCH ACADEMY

Paris, Feb. 15.—Marshal Joffre, former Commander-in-Chief of the French Army, yesterday was elected a member of the French Academy by twenty-two votes out of a possible twenty-nine. Six members were absent and one vote cast was a blank.

TURKISH SCHEME.

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—The Turkish Parliament has approved a bill providing for the construction of a bridge and tunnel across the Bosphorus, connecting Europe and Asia. Contracts for the work have been awarded to a Budapest firm, and it will begin operations in April.

BANK CLEARINGS

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Following are the bank clearings in the principal cities of the Dominion for the week ended February 14 as compared with the corresponding week last year:

	1918.	1917.
Montreal	$61,096,430	$62,335,837
Toronto	43,124,835	47,869,381
Winnipeg	36,382,201	30,143,170
Vancouver	8,717,659	6,009,756
Ottawa	3,692,906	4,077,174
Calgary	6,118,017	3,706,114
Hamilton	3,334,451	3,763,077
Edmonton	2,871,103	2,249,732
Halifax	3,129,090	2,467,675
London	1,545,576	1,787,111
Regina	2,527,641	2,144,697
St. John	1,832,912	1,751,837
Victoria	1,672,261	1,381,415
Saskatoon	1,378,287	1,235,895
Moose Jaw	1,006,291	918,886
Brandon	494,492	401,348
Brantford	684,891	634,959
Fort William	510,129	446,392
Lethbridge	557,941	491,509
Medicine Hat	507,870	371,364
New Westminster	401,444	243,029

STRIKE IN ARGENTINE IS ORDERED STOPPED

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 14.—Dr. Hipolito Irigoyen, President of Argentina, by decree has ended the general strike which has been in progress for some time. The decree compels arbitration between the strikers and employers and requires the men in the meantime to resume work.

AUSTRIAN PRESS ON PEACE WITH UKRAINE

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—The Austrian press continues to discuss President Wilson's speech and the peace with the Ukraine. The Reichspost hails Count Czernin as the "successful Chancellor of a peace Emperor," and declares that the breakup of the war now has set in.

"The peace idea is on the march," it says. Otherwise, the war agitators at Versailles would not be so desperate."

Responding to an ovation by women's organizations on his return to Vienna from Brest-Litovsk, Count Czernin said: "The first step has been taken, but let us freely understand that we have still further to go on the road to a general peace, and I expect you all to support me by persevering until a general honorable peace can be secured."

POPE DISCUSSED MR. WILSON'S SPEECH

Rome, Feb. 15.—Pope Benedict and Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State, discussed President Wilson's latest message to Congress yesterday, Cardinal Gasparri afterwards appearing to be satisfied about the effect the message probably will have.

The Belgian Minister to the Vatican called upon Cardinal Gasparri. He expressed satisfaction with the President's message.

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A NATIONAL INVENTORY.

The Government recognizes that the labor situation could be relieved to some extent by diverting labor from the less essential to the more essential industries, and to this end, is taking measures to secure the classification of the industries of Canada. On the War Trade Board, which is dealing with this matter, labor is represented by its own nominees.

If Canadian man-power in the broadest sense of the term is to be thoroughly organized so that the best possible results can be achieved for all our war activities, it will be necessary to have made an accurate and complete inventory of the men and women of the country. This can only be secured by a system of compulsory registration applicable to persons over sixteen years of age.—Government statement.

This should have been done two years ago. The Times and other Canadian papers called for it until they were tired. How on earth can a country be organized for war in any other way? The activities of the battlefront and at home are merely expressions of manpower, a term which denotes all of a country's human resources. For the information an inventory would have given we have only guess-work. We do not know to what extent there is, and has been, a misdirection of energy in the light of the most pressing needs of the times. After we have had a registration we shall discover that we have a large supply of labor adaptable to agricultural production which no attempt has been made to reach. That is what they found in the United Kingdom.

Taking England, Scotland and Wales, with a combined population of 41,000,000, over 5,400,000 men have been diverted to the army, besides the large number in the navy. Yet, more land by several million acres is under cultivation than ever before; more ships will be turned out this year than in any other year in the nation's history, a vast munitions industry and other war equipment establishments are being maintained so effectively that Great Britain is able not only to supply her own great armies in numerous theatres, but to send munitions to Italy and, with France, is supplying the entire equipment of the United States army in France throughout the present year. In addition to all these the nation is keeping a grip on its export trade, which means that its enormous peace industries are maintained in operation, while the great mercantile establishments of London, Manchester, Glasgow, Liverpool and other centres continue to do big business. How was this prodigious result made possible? By ascertaining as completely as possible the nature of the nation's human resources and then adjusting them to the most pressing requirements. And among those resources are included enemy prisoners and interned enemy aliens.

We note in the Government's statement of its conclusions regarding the labor situation, that conscription of labor for the farms is not to be resorted to, on the grounds that Organized Labor is opposed to it and that, anyway, it is impracticable. We note further that owing to the opposition against the importation of coolie labor this will be avoided "unless it appears impossible to meet the needs of the country without it, in which case the matter will receive further consideration from the Government after consultation with labor."

May we point out that if the needs of Canada become sufficiently pressing to call for the importation of coolie labor, they will be sufficiently pressing to call for conscription for farm labor among the population of Canada. If we have to choose between the two we shall plump for labor conscription. But we do not believe we will come to that alternative, if the Government will ascertain what material exists in Canada and how it can be applied. Are the authorities at Ottawa aware that notwithstanding the number of men overseas there is in Canada as much labor available, as labor was understood then, as there was in 1914; that several hundred thousand youths and striplings have since reached manhood, and that thousands of soldiers have returned? All this is apart from the labor possibilities in our higher schools and universities and among the women whose sisters are performing marvels in Great Britain and France. By all means let us have a complete registration of our human resources without delay and the authorities will be astonished at the unexploited and misdirected material lying at hand.

MILITARY SERVICE RESULTS.

On June 19, last year, this paper, discussing the Military Service Act, which had just been introduced in Parliament, said: "The Bill provides too many avenues of escape from its operation. It sets up too many courts of appeal. First, there are to be local exemption tribunals. Then there will be local appeal tribunals, and above these again will be a central appeal judge. This unfolds a vista of possibilities of complications and delay in the course of which a very considerable army will escape military service, particularly if the list of exemptions be not clearly defined—as it is not in this Bill. How far would these provisions facilitate compulsory military service in the districts of Canada in which the opposition to it is most pronounced? The loss would be startling." The Times then advised an immediate registration of the manpower of the country so that the authorities might ascertain what Canada's male resources actually were, not only for military service, but for essential activities at home, particularly in regard to agricultural production.

Had the Bill precisely defined the exemptions in the terms of the Militia Act there would have been no need of the appeal machinery which is now tying up so many thousand cases. The process should have been first, registration, then selection by ballot and then the exemption tribunal bound by conditions of exemptions clearly defined with a review board to check up the local tribunals and empowered to give prompt decisions. This was mainly the procedure adopted by the United States. With registration, too, the authorities would have had a better knowledge of the home labor situation and the possibilities of labor mobilization for essential industries. When the Military Service Act was introduced at Ottawa several newspapers in Great Britain warned our Government of the difficulties which would arise from the multiplication of exemption and appeal processes, in the knowledge of what had happened there. Parliament should be called in Session at the earliest possible date to amend the Act, for otherwise on the showing already made it will become little better than a fiasco. It will produce less men from the provinces which have been slow to recruit than the volunteer system has produced.

THE MONTREAL FIRE.

The account of the fire in Montreal in which at least forty-one infants lost their lives reveals an extraordinary laxity of building and fire-prevention regulations in Canada's largest city, not to speak of the short-sightedness—to use a mild term—of the authorities of the institution in which the holocaust occurred. What in the name of sanity prompted those in charge of the place to establish the dormitory of the infants, the most helpless atoms of humanity, on the fifth, highest and most inaccessible floor of the wing of the building which was destroyed? What kind of building and fire supervision must there be in a community where such a challenge to Death is tolerated! We should think that blind instinct alone, if elementary prudence were lacking, would have provided those babes, so utterly handicapped in every way in the face of danger, with a place where their rescue could be most easily effected in case of fire, instead of where it was made impossible.

The conflagration in Montreal again draws attention to the long list of fires destructive of human life and property which have occurred in Eastern Canada, particularly among religious institutions, during the last few years. There have been so many of them that it would appear that either an arson ring, specializing on institutions of this kind, is operating there, or that they are results of carlessness in structures little better than firetraps and not subject to adequate supervision by the authorities. True, it is difficult to fight fires when the thermometer registers below zero, but that is all the more reason why every precaution should be taken and proper building regulations rigorously enforced.

MAKING TROUBLE FOR AUSTRIA.

When the Germans were negotiating a separate "treaty" with the Ukraine they promised to transfer to that province the district of Kholm, area 5,213 square miles, population 1,087,800, with a portion of Galicia. They could afford to do this because they stipulated also that they should be allowed to send troops into the Ukraine to "organize" the new "independent state," and "protect" its railroads and so forth from Bolsheviki and bandits. This meant that they intended to absorb the Ukraine, so it matter nothing what concessions were made. But the Austrian Poles object to the further partition of their ancient kingdom, of which Kholm was a part, and their representatives have cast their lot with the other opponents of the Government in the Austro-Hungarian Reichsrath with the result that the Government cannot hold its majority and another periodical dissolution of that House may be anticipated. Germany thus is complicating further her ally's precarious internal situation. Even the temporary possession of Kholm has failed to unite the Ukraine behind the peace-making Rada, for that peripatetic body is now searching for a capital where it can finish its arrangement with Germany in safety, Kiev and most of the principal cities being in hostile hands.

A CHAMPION WASTER.

Canada is the champion waster through destruction by fire. According to a recent report of the Conservation Commission during four years from 1912 to 1915, the average fire loss was $21,250,000 per annum. In 1916, the loss was $25,400,000. As an indication of the difference which exists in countries where proper precautions are taken, the total loss by fire in the whole of the United Kingdom, apart from fires caused by the enemy, from August, 1914, to December, 1916, amounted to $41,000,395. During the same period, losses in Canada, exclusive of forest fires, amounted to $52,027,000. These figures disclose a situation which calls for active and vigorous measures of prevention, and the Commission says it will continue to call attention to them until some steps have been taken to apply a remedy.

The loss in 1916 would pay for 115,000 bushels of wheat at the present market price, and this would be sufficient to maintain over 30,000 people in the United Kingdom for a year on their present per capita allowances. The fire losses in Canada, according to the report, are due chiefly to individual carelessness, poor structural conditions, and arson, about seventy per cent. originating from the first cause. The report adds:

"Fire losses can be materially reduced by attacking the problem at its source. Experience shows that, by the enforcing of proper fire prevention and protection measures, an immediate and enormous reduction in the fire loss can be made.

"It is perfectly clear that property owners in Canada are not sufficiently influenced by their own interests to use effective means, and compulsion must therefore be resorted to.

"It has been shown that public efforts and propaganda without compulsion will not bring about any substantial improvement. Municipalities organize and maintain fire departments, and incur large expenditures for water supplies, but the results of these activities are disappointing. Fire waste not only continues but increases.

"Existing conditions in Canada point to the need of legislation on the following lines:

"1. Proper planning and laying out of cities and towns with the object of restricting hazardous pursuits to certain délimited areas.

"2. Provision of adequate water supplies and fire-fighting facilities.

"3. Proper building requirements.

"4. Control of hazards and suppression of dangerous nuisances close inspection and ruthless enforcement of regulations.

"5. A fire marshal law of the strictest character.

"6. Enforcement of personal liability, with heavy penalty where negligence is proven."

According to Holland dispatches Germany is contemplating putting down the Bolsheviki by occupying Petrograd. Her real object, of course, would be the restoration of "Nicky" to form more secret alliances with "Willy." Well, here's hoping she will try it. Napoleon, it will be recalled, invaded a demoralized Russia and was swallowed up. Charles XII. of Sweden did the same and likewise lost an army. Russia is easy enough to get into, but mighty hard to get out of. Meanwhile, it will be noted that both Austria and Germany have decided that they will not strip their eastern front.

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A short time ago a proclamation was issued in the name of the Flemings declaring their independence of Belgium. As the Flemings inhabit Flanders and have the Belgian coast the proclamation, of course, was a German concoction. But the civil authorities of Belgium objected. Orders were issued by judges in Brussels for the arrest of the signatories of the proclamation for treason. Thereupon the Germans arrested the judges and deported them to Germany. Now Belgium threatens a general strike. The Hun is not making much headway with his schemes in Belgium. This plot, like the "separate peace" with the Ukraine, is such a clumsy burlesque, so stupidly futile, that no wonder President Wilson asks von Hertling and his associates if they realize what kind of a world they are living in.

A SLOW TRAIN.

I got on a slow train. I told the conductor about the slowness of the train, and he told me if I didn't like it I had better get out and walk. I said:

"I would, but my folks don't expect me until the train gets there." In the seat right in front of me sat a mother with her fat boy. She handed the conductor a half-fare ticket and the conductor said:

"That boy is too large to ride on a half-fare ticket."

"Well," said the mother, "he wasn't when he got on."—The Maize.

OUR LETTER BOX

FOR MORE PRODUCTION.

To the Editor:—In the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning, 16th inst., the first gun of the 1918 increased production campaign will be fired. To this meeting everyone is invited who is interested in vacant lot and backyard cultivation.

The necessity for increased production is far greater this spring than ever. The shortage of food stuffs throughout the world is appalling, and all statistics and all authorities agree that the situation developing is one which may lead to famine conditions within another twelve months, even in those communities most favored and most remote from the seat of war.

Throughout North America there is a shortage of labor upon the farms caused by the large number of men that have been attracted by higher wages to other employment connected with the war and by the number of men that have gone to the war. In spite of the high prices of farm produce and the utmost efforts of those remaining in the farming districts, agricultural production for the past two years has only been sufficient to maintain a situation of general food shortage and of the utmost uncertainty, and, as already stated, all authorities agree that the situation at the present time is more uncertain and threatening than ever.

Under these circumstances the least that those dwelling in such favored localities as our own city can do is, following the dictates of patriotic common sense, to at least, personally, cultivate a few feet of ground and to grow some portion or all of the vegetables consumed by their families and themselves, and, as far as possible, to substitute these home grown products for wheat, beef, bacon and other articles which are vital to the men at the front.

It is pleasing to note that last year Victoria's vacant lot cultivation campaign ranked fifth in all Canada. Let us this year put our mark at being first.

Not many of the public perhaps appreciate the greatness of the accomplishment of the vacant lot cultivation campaign of 1917. Reliable figures indicate that throughout the United States and Canada the produce of the vacant lot and backyard vegetable gardens amounted to a total value of at least $400,000,000. This is a very large figure and amounts to many times the total agricultural production of the Province of British Columbia. It sounds as if a very great effort had been made, but we, from our last year's experience in Victoria, ranking fifth in the whole of Canada, know better. Right here, there were hundreds of vacant lots absolutely neglected, and thousands of individuals, working only eight or nine hours a day, many of them with a day and a half holiday during the week, who, owing to not being sufficiently aroused to the seriousness of the situation, took no part in the increased cultivation campaign. It is earnestly to be hoped that all of these individuals will assist this year, and that all of these splendid neglected vacant lots will be brought under cultivation this season.

Every pound of food that is produced in Victoria during the coming season will save a pound of food for some other individual elsewhere in the world. We all know something of the straits of Belgium, for the press has kept the need of this country prominently before the public since the outbreak of the war, but there are very many other areas upon the map of Europe where the need is equally as great. In the last issue of The Saturday Evening Post a remarkable letter from the British Queen of Roumania to the women of America is reproduced in which appears the following striking sentence:

"My Roumania has been called to drink to the very dregs the bitterness of war. Not only have our brave men, to the number of some 200,000, given of their lives in battle, but also their homes and families—and especially the little children—have had to pay the greater price of continuing to live amid such hunger and cold and sickness and need as are incomprehensible to the women of America."

I have requested Alderman Sargent to act as chairman of the Increased Production and Food Conservation Committee for the year 1918, and I beg to request that the citizens will give him full and loyal support.

A war garden in every backyard and on every vacant lot this year in our community will be a visible token of patriotism.

A. E. TODD,
Mayor.

QUARTER MILLION WANTED THIS YEAR

(Continued from page 1.)

"The Fund is a National one, with a central executive in Ottawa, and a Provincial executive in each Province. In seven Provinces out of nine the amount of money furnished in response to the annual appeal is sufficient to meet the demand. In two Provinces that is not the case, and ours is one of the latter.

Method of Operation.

"The method of raising money varies in different parts of Canada. Manitoba is a separate unit; it raises what it requires by a special tax on land, and disperses it without reference to the Central Executive. The Government of the Province of Quebec denotes $1,000,000 a year to supplement the amount raised by private subscriptions. The City of Toronto grants a similiar sum annually, and the majority of the Provincial Governments and many Municipal Councils make substantial grants.

"There are three separate branches of the Fund in this Province—the Provincial, Victoria, and Vancouver. The former administers the entire Province outside the area of Greater Victoria and Greater Vancouver. The Provincial Government gives $500 per month to the Executive of the Provincial Branch for the payment of overhead expenses, such as salaries of officers, and stenographers, allowances for travelling, etc.

Victoria Branch.

"The Victoria Branch is incorporated as the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society. It depends ENTIRELY on VOLUNTARY subscriptions, the services of all its officers are given voluntarily, no remuneration being paid to any except stenographers and one returned soldier, employed as a collector of monthly subscriptions. Last year it collected $175,000 and distributed $356,000, the deficit being made up by monthly grants from the Central Committee at Ottawa. The disbursements this year are estimated at $380,000, and it is hoped that subscriptions will amount to $250,000. The Central Executive has asked the Victoria Branch to do its utmost in the matter of collections, and, provided this is done, has undertaken to make up the deficit.

For This Year.

"There is a growing feeling that as the work is a national one it should be taken over by the Dominion Government. The subject was discussed at a meeting recently held of all the provincial representatives. Seven out of nine provinces urged that for this year the voluntary system be continued. It is hoped that this year will see the end of the war. If otherwise, however, the matter will be discussed at the next annual meeting, and a different decision may be arrived at. But as far as this year is concerned no change can be made. The dependents of soldiers resident in Victoria who require assistance will receive it from the contributions of the people of Canada.

Done Splendidly.

"Victoria has done splendidly in the matter of enlistment, subscribing to war loans, and in contributing the war charities in general. If it subscribes $250,000 towards the support of the dependents of its own soldiers it will bear a fair proportion of Canada's contribution to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. If less it will depend on the generosity of the balance of the country to make up the deficiency. It is not asked to contribute the entire amount of the disbursements, as the proportionate enlistment is above the average of that of Canada in general and the Central Executive is in receipt of large subscriptions such as from chartered banks and railway companies, to a fair proportion of which Victoria is entitled.

Distribution.

"While, as already stated, the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society is a separate institution, the work done and the assistance given is governed by the rules and regulations of the Fund. Briefly, the separation allowance and the assigned pay given by the Militia Department to soldiers' dependents are supplemented by the funds each month by an amount which varies with the number of members in the family. Such payments are made to the dependents of soldiers and non-commissioned officers, and only to such as have no private means of support. The allowance is supposed to augment the resources of the family so as to enable them to live in decent comfort. With the increased cost of living it is not too large for the purpose in view.

The Appeal.

"Can you find a more worthy object, and can you not appreciate why the Fund appeals to you only once a year and then for voluntary subscriptions? Will you not assist us in the campaign commencing Monday, March 4. The dependents of Canadian soldiers are entitled to a decent living from the citizens of a country who have suffered so little in their pockets through this war as have Canadians who have stayed at home."

Campaign Committee of the Victoria Petriotic Fund, 1918:

J. Kingham (chairman), G. Herbert Dawson, Alex. Stewart, J. E. Wilson, Ben. Nicholas, W. Lothian, H. H. Rowley, T. P. McConnell (secretary).

A schoolboy says that dead languages were probably killed by being studied too hard.

A SPECIAL SALE

of Tea Spoons, Dessert Spoons, Knives, Forks, etc., in

STERLING SILVER

If the price has heretofore prevented you from having the genuine in Silver Flatware for your table here is your opportunity to get some at about the price you would have to pay for the plated sorts.

We are offering guaranteed Sterling Silver table flatware at very attractive prices. Investigate the values offered below.

DIANA PATTERN

Tea Spoons—Regular $18.00 per dozen, for $12.00
Dessert Spoons—Regular $30 per dozen, for $20.00
Table Spoons—Regular $40 per dozen, for $26.65
Soup Spoons—Regular $40 per dozen, for $26.67
Dessert Forks—Regular $30 per dozen, for $20.00
Table Forks—Regular $40 per dozen, for $26.67

86 PATTERN

Tea Spoons—Regular $18 per dozen, for $12.00
Dessert Spoons—Regular $35 per dozen, for $23.35
Boullion Spoons—Regular $20 per dozen, for $13.35
Table Spoons—Regular $40 per dozen, for $26.65
Dessert Forks—Regular $35 per dozen, for $23.35
Table Forks—Regular $40 per dozen, for $26.65

DORIS PATTERN

Tea Spoons—Regular $20 per dozen, for $13.35
Dessert Spoons—Regular $40 per dozen, for $26.65
Table Spoons—Regular $45 per dozen, for $30.00
Table Forks—Regular $45 per dozen, for $30.00
Dessert Forks—Regular $40 per dozen, for $26.65
Dessert Knives—Regular $30 per dozen, for $20.00

Clearance of Heaters

We believe you cannot find better values in Heaters than are offered at this clearance sale of ours.

Every Heater in stock is offered at a big reduction rather than be carried over. You'll find it worth your while to investigate these values even if you do not require one until next Winter. You'll pay much more then.

Regular $7.00 for $4.75
Regular $8.50 for $5.25
Regular $13.00 for $9.00
Regular $10.00 for $7.50
Regular $15.00 for $11.00
Regular $20.00 for $13.50

WEILER BROS.

Limited

Government St. Near Post Office

VICTORIANS LAUGHED WITH COMEDIAN

Atmosphere of London Music Halls at Royal Victoria Last Night

There was an atmosphere of the old Tivoli, in the Strand, of the Oxford, in Oxford Street, and the Pavilion, at Piccadilly Circus, just as soon as Harry Lauder tripped on to the stage of the Royal Victoria Theatre last night. Before he said a word his smile broke the ice and in a new number—"I'm Going to Marry 'Arry on the Fifth of January"—there was immediately the Lauder of old, plus a hundred per cent. From the first verse onward the house from stalls to gods rocked with wholesome merriment.

All New.

Harry sang six songs and told a lot of yarns. Every song was new to the repertoire of his peace day triumphs and every line of "patter" was as original as it was droll. No entertainer living can get an audience "coming and going" as can Harry Lauder. His masterful "confidences" endeared him to a new audience last night and added more than a thousand to his millions of admirers throughout the English-speaking world. As an old salt he took an entirely new line, building up the talking part with the time-worn adage of the sailor's wife in every port. "It's better than having 'em all stuck up in one port, anyway," suggested Harry with one of the very few meaningful winks, the like of which only he is master.

Like Finnan Haddie.

It was difficult for the entertainer to enthuse his audience to the point where it would take up his chorus. He appealed to them to be natural, to throw off the cloak of convention for two minutes. He first coaxed those on the "top shelf," as he described the gallery. They joined in eventually and gradually the vast audience of the "pit" swung into the delightful melodious and truly Scotch "We a' Go Hame the Same Way." Harry was wont to chide them. It was guid, but weak. However, with a forgiving twinkle of appreciation at the difficulty of "language" he passed sentence with: "You sang like a bunch o' finnan haddie."

Lauder's Two Sides.

"The Waggle O' the Kilt" was a Lauder song from first to last. His anatomical contortions to get the exact poise for the march were as irresistible as Vesta Tilley's "Jolly Good Luck to the Girl Who Loves a Soldier." His rendition of "The Lads Who Fought and Won," as its title implies, brought the great comedian gradually nearer to the theme destined to provide, within a short space of time, a glimpse of the other side of the great Lauder. He told of one of his journeys to the western front. It was near Arras. Fifteen thousand kilties had gathered round in the form of a great horseshoe. They had come out of a battle the day previous and the toll had been five thousand men. One of the braw laddies from the edge of the horseshoe said: "Harry, sing us "The Wee Hoose Amang the Heather." Unaccompanied, last night, he repeated the song and the audience became transplanted to that memorable scene behind the battlefield of Arras.

Million Pound Fund.

This was the conclusion of Lauder's songs. He went on to talk of war in a manner new to Victoria audiences. Using most of his telling arguments to which many had listened with absorbing interest earlier in the day, he made every word felt. Possibly there has never been a more striking contrast demonstrated within so short a space of time. The care-free and joyous imperceptibly and figuratively left the music hall and looked on at the grim struggle "over there." He told of his talks with the boys in his endeavor to get their point of view, to understand what they would expect when they returned to peace—after victory. Lauder's Million Pound Fund for maimed and crippled soldiers is a result. The great comedian has raised over £60,000 so far and he wants to be in a position to give these men all the sympathy they need, but plus working capital in the shape of cold cash.

Good Company.

As well as Mr. Lauder's own entertainment in himself, there was an excellent programme of variety. But the lasting impression on the huge audience will be not merely Lauder the great Scotch comedian, but Lauder the great Scotch patriot.

THE SUGAR BOWL AND THE GRAVY POT.

Said the sugar bowl to the gravy pot—
"Why pretend we are what we're not?
I'm sitting here, just a monstrous fake;
And you never see the juice of a steak.
What do you say if we disappear?
No one will miss us or shed a tear.
Let's hie away to a sunnier clime,
Where beefsteak simmers in the pan—
And beans are sold for a cent a can.
Where bread is made of choicest wheat,
And cakes are sweet enough to eat.
The people here have quite forgot
What belongs in a gravy pot,
And as for me, why, bless your soul,
They can't buy sugar enough for a bowl.

—W. Clement Moore.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, Feb. 15, 1893.

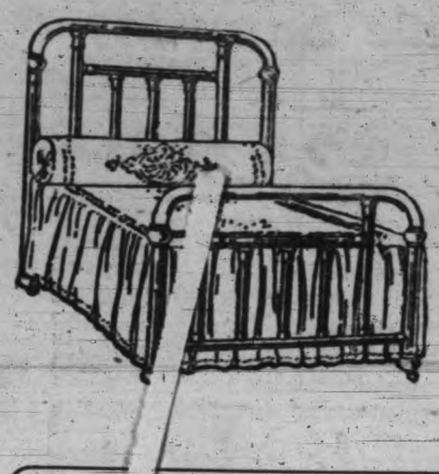
An effort is being made to secure a law library for Vancouver, the Benchers of the Law Society being asked for $3,000 and the Government for a similar amount.

Capt. J. G. Cox, of the firm of E. B. Marvin & Co., leaves on the steamship Flintshire for Japan, to look into the sealing business on that side of the Pacific.

The recent severe weather will entail considerable expense to the city in the caving-in of sewers, many of which are damaged.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

The Home Furnishing Sale Makes a Great Clearance of Surplus Bedding Saturday at Rare Bargain Prices



To-morrow morning sharp at 8.30 we shall clear out a big quantity of surplus Mattresses and Bed Springs. These goods represented our reserve stocks, for urgent deliveries. We warehoused them in the old Imperial Building, but the builders are in possession, and we have no room to keep such a big stock on hand, so we clean up this lot at rare bargain prices.

Remember, the stock is new and clean—we never sell used Bedding—and we do not exchange when once delivered—for sanitary reasons.

Look this list over. Make sure of the correct size, and be here sharp on opening time to save disappointment—there's bound to be a rush for these.

BED MATTRESSES

One Only, Fibre and Felt Mattress, in handsome blue and fawn tick. The old quality; full size, 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. Regular price, $11.50. Clean-up price **$8.40**

One Only, "Dixie" No-Tuft—Our clients' old favorite mattress; size, 3 ft. x 6 ft. Regular price, $20.00. Clean-up at **$14.00**

One Only, Star Quality Mattress, in size 3 ft. This is a high-grade all-felt mattress. Regular price, $16.95.—Clean-up at **$12.75**

One Duchess Mattress—A good serviceable grade, 3 ft. x 6 ft. Regular price, $11.00. Clean-up price **$8.00**

Three Only, Good Quality Felt Mattresses to clear as follows:
1 Size 3 ft. 6 in—Clean-up price **$9.00**
1 Size 4 ft.—Clean-up price **$9.50**
1 Size 3 ft.—Clean-up price **$12.75**

One Only, Adjusto Mattress, fitted with draw cords to make mattress smaller if desired; size 4 ft. Regular price, $20.00. Slightly shop soiled. To clean-up at **$14.50**

One Only, Fibre and Felt Mattress, best grade, size 4 ft. 6 in x 6 ft. Regular price, $11.55. Clean-up price **$8.40**

Two Only, Marshall Sanitary Mattresses—A luxurious quality, fitted with small coil spring and upholstered with hair. Covered in the old quality Barnsley tick and ventilated. Full size, 4 ft. 6 in. Regular price, $27.50. Ticks slightly shop soiled. Clearing at less than half, each **$12.75**

CRIB MATTRESSES

One Only, Duchess Crib Mattress, 2 ft. 6 in. x 4 ft. 6 in. Regular $7.75. Clean-up at **$4.25**

One Only, Cotton Top Crib Mattress, 2 ft. 4 in. x 4 ft. 4 in. Regular $3.95. Clean-up at **$2.25**

One Only, Cotton Top Pad Mattress, 2 ft. 4 in. x 4 ft. 4 in. Regular $2.75. Clean-up at **$1.30**

One Only, Roll-Edge Crib Mattress, all felt; size 2 ft. 3 in. x 4 ft. 3 in. Regular $6.60. Clean-up **$5.75**

One Only, All-Felt Crib Mattress, very soft; size 3 ft. 6 in. x 2 ft. Clearing at **$4.25**

One Only, Cotton Top Crib Mattress; size, 3 ft. 6 in. x 2 ft. Clearing at **$1.75**

BED SPRINGS

One 4 ft. 6 in. Woven Wire Spring Mattress, on steel frame. Regular $6.95 grade. Clearing at **$3.75**

One Only, 4 ft. Double Coil Spring Mattress. Regular $12.75. Clearing at **$5.50**

Three Only, Banner Springs, slightly soiled; size, 3 ft. Regular $10.45. Clearing at **$5.50**

One Only, Steel Frame Link Fabric Spring; size 4 ft. 6 in. Regular $9.50. Clearing at **$5.25**

Two Only, 3 ft. Cotton Down Mattresses, in a good quality ticking. Regular $14.75. Clearing at **$11.25**

$14.95 Sanitary Couch $11.75

Made with a steel frame and raised head. Link fabric spring covered with loose mattress, in green denim. A great bargain for someone Saturday morning.

—Furniture, Fourth Floor

12 Only Genuine No. 2 Restmore Mattresses to Go at Great Bargain Prices

The Genuine No. 2 Restmore Mattress, made of all-felt, in layers, and finished with roll edges. A nice, thick, comfortable Mattress in a strong, durable art ticking—the kind that does not get lumpy.

10 only, size 3 ft. Reg. price $14.50. Clear at **$10.75**

2 only, 3 ft. 6 in. Reg. price $15.00. Clear at **$11.25**

One 3 ft. No. 1 Restmore Mattress—To be sold at less than to-day's cost price. Saturday **$13.50**

—Bedding, Fourth Floor

97-Piece Decorated Dinner Sets, Saturday $13.95

—A most serviceable set of semi-porcelain, finished in green and gold decorations; conventional designs. A splendid set for everyday use. Regularly sold at $18.90. February Sale Saturday **$13.95**

—Crockery, Second Floor

Cotton Crepe Dressing Gowns With Elastic Waist Bands

—Most attractive garments, neatly made and finished from serviceable quality cotton crepe, in plain shades rose, helio, pale blue, Copenhagen and pink; smartly trimmed with satin and the style features elastic band at waist. We consider them special values at **$2.50**

—Mantles, First Floor

750 Yards Stout Linoleum For Sale Saturday at, a Square Yard 85c

This is a nice heavy grade Cork Linoleum, printed in smart up-to-date patterns; floral, tile and conventional effects, and there's a color to match any room in the home.

Place the order Saturday for us to cover your room, and make a substantial saving by this February Sale price.

—Linoleums, Third Floor

8 and 10 Piece Toilet Sets Clearing at $3.19

—Prettily decorated Sets and Art Shapes, suitable for your spare bedrooms and for general use; 8 and 10 pieces to the set. Worth regularly to $6.90. Bargain value at **$3.19**

—Crockery, Second Floor

Ladies' Gloves for Early Spring Wear

Heavy Cotton Gloves, natural, beaver, mode, grey, white and black; 2-dome. Special, a pair ..... **50¢**

Chamoisette Gloves, in white; also white with black points; 2-dome. A pair **$1.00**

Silk Gloves—Kayser, Queen Quality and Niagara Maid; in all the leading shades; also black with white points and white with black points. A pair, **75¢, 85¢, $1.00** and **$1.25**

Glace Kid Gloves, in black and white; 2-dome. Special, a pair **$1.50**

Capeskin Gloves, tans only, heavy make; 1-dome. A pair, **$1.50**

Real Chamois Gloves, in natural and white. Special, a pair, **$1.50**

Real Chamois Gloves, in natural and white; sizes for misses. A pair **$1.25**

—Gloves, Main Floor

A Pleasing Range of Misses' All-Wool Serge Dresses

—Just a nice, representative lot of Dresses, featuring the prevailing styles for Spring, 1918. Each dress is different, beautifully made and finished from all-wool serge, in shades navy, Copenhagen, brown, green, grey and black. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years. The limited quantity makes early choosing essential. Most attractively priced at **$17.50** and **$18.50**

—Mantles, First Floor

Men Save Substantially on Good Quality Cloth Pants

—A Spring Delivery of Men's Cloth Pants, together with our staple stocks, crowds our department to its utmost. It is therefore imperative that we dispose of at least one thousand pairs immediately. Hence Rebuilding Sale prices prevail. Hundreds of pairs of Men's Pants will be cleared Saturday at the following prices, and men will get garments that will please them and a substantial saving in the bargain. Read the price items over and come and see the goods. Every pair measures up to the standard we place on them here. Come and judge for yourself.

Men's New Pants Worth $3.95. To-day Pair **$2.95**

—Part of our New Spring Stock, and many of our staple values, in self greys, browns, and neat stripe effects. Many pieces made from suiting ends, thus a rare chance to match a pair to your coat or vest.

Pants Worth to $5 Clearing at, a pair $3.95

—All pants formerly priced to $5.00, and including many new Spring Models, included in this group. Splendid quality tweeds and worsteds, and a nice range of shades and patterns.

All Our Better Grade Pants, Worth to $6.50, Clearing at, a Pair $4.95

—Good reliable quality worsteds and all-wool tweeds, in a superior range of patterns and shades; suitable for dress, business and street wear.

On Sale in our Annex, Corner View and Broad Sts.

Try a Pot of Spencer's Peanut Butter

—It is wholesome and nutritive. Freshly made daily, in our Vancouver factory. Done up in grease-proof cartons, at **15¢** and ..... **30¢**

—Drugs, Main Floor

50 Pairs Roller Skates

Standard size, easy running. Special Saturday, a pair **$1.18**

—Hardware, Second Floor

Our Stocks of Longcloths, Cambrics, Nainsooks and Madapolams Were Never Better

—while the prices will compare very favorably with the wholesale prices now being asked. No time like the present in which to do your sewing for the coming Spring and Summer. It will leave you free later on to enjoy the warm days and bright sunshine, without the necessity of having to stay in sewing.

If you are particular about your Undergarments you will purchase your materials at this store, where quality counts.

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A BEDTIME STORY

UNCLE WIGGILY AND THE BUGLE BLOWER

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(By Howard R. Garis.)

"Oh, Uncle Wiggily!" cried Jacko Kinkytail, the little monkey boy one day, as he hurried over to the hollow stump bungalow where Uncle Wiggily Longears, the bunny rabbit gentleman, lived. "Oh, will you please come over and play with me?"

"What's that?" laughed Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady housekeeper. "Uncle Wiggily come over and play with you? Why the very idonical idea, Jacko! Uncle Wiggily is too old for that!"

"Oh, I guess I'm not!" said the bunny himself, with a jolly laugh. "But what do you want me to play, Jacko?"

"Oh, are you really coming?" asked the monkey chap, and he felt so happy that he clapped his paws and tied a double knot in his tail.

"Well, I'll come if you don't want me to play the hand organ, or the street piano or some game where I have to jump up and down and hit the ceiling with my pink twinkling nose," said Uncle Wiggily.

"Oh, no games like that!" promised Jacko. "But I've just got a new box of toy, tin soldiers, and I thought maybe you'd like to play with them."

"The very thing," said Uncle Wiggily. "I love toy tin soldiers!"

So he put on his tall silk hat and his fur coat and taking down his red, white and blue striped rheumatism crutch, that Nurse Jane had gnawed for him out of a bean pole, away started the bunny rabbit uncle gentleman and Jacko Kinkytail, the monkey boy.

"I never did see such a man as Mr. Longears," said Nurse Jane, with a shake of her head as the two went out of the hollow stump bungalow. "He'll never get any older—never!"

"Well, he may well be glad of it," said Mrs. Wibblewobble, the duck lady, coming along just then. "There's no use being old and acting old, too. Quack! Quack!"

"I suppose so!" sighed Nurse Jane.

It did not take Uncle Wiggily and Jacko long to reach the home of the monkey boy and there, surely enough, was a big box of new, toy tin soldiers, all bravely painted red, white and blue like the bunny's crutch. And each toy tin soldier had a gun, except the captain, who had a sword, and one other who was called the "bugle blower," by Jacko.

"I call him that because he has a tin bugle, and on it I make believe he blows tunes to tell the other soldiers how to march," said the little monkey boy.

"That's a very nice way to play," said Uncle Wiggily, as he looked at the bugle blower, who stood up very straight and stiff, as a soldier should, whether of tin or not. And the bugle blower looked brave enough to blow up a balloon with his tin horn.

"Now we'll have some fun!" cried Jacko. Then he and Uncle Wiggily pretended to march the tin soldiers up and down the table. They marched two by two and one by one and in companies and squads and battalions, however soldiers do march. And then Jacko pretended there was a battle, and he fired his talcum powder pop gun at the toy tin soldiers, and knocked some of them down with a bean bag.

"Oh, look out! Hold on!" suddenly cried Uncle Wiggily. "One of our soldiers is hurt, Jacko," and the bunny picked up one that had fallen to the floor.

"Ah, it's my nice bugle blower!" sadly said Jacko. "And his bugle is broken off! Now he can't blow tooting tunes any more. Oh, dear!"

Jacko felt quite badly, but Uncle Wiggily said:

"Never mind, little monkey boy. I'll take your bugle blower back to the toy store and have him mend it for you. Wait here for me!"

Away to the toy store, with the broken bugle blower Uncle Wiggily hurried, and soon the toy maker had given the toy tin soldier a new and much better bugle horn.

"Now I'll take him to Jacko and we'll have some more fun," said Uncle Wiggily.

But, as he was going through the woods, all of a sudden out from behind a stump jumped the bad, old fuzzy fox, crying:

"Ah, ha! Now I have you!" and he made a grab for Uncle Wiggily.

"Oh, what are you going to do with me?" sadly asked the poor bunny.

"I'm going to carry you off to my den—O!" howled the fox and just then, all at once, there sounded loud and clear in the woods a call of:

Ta-ra! Ta-ra! Ta-ra-ta! Ta-ra-ta! Ta-ra-ta! Toot toot!"

"Oh, my!" barked the fox, letting go of Uncle Wiggily. "That is the horn of the hunter, and he'll soon be after me with his biting, barking dogs! Excuse me, Mr. Longears, I'll catch you some other time!" and away ran the fox.

"Well, I'm sure I'm glad to see him go," said the bunny. "But I wonder who blew the horn and scared him?"

"I did," answered the toy tin soldier in Uncle Wiggily's pocket. "You were so kind as to get my bugle mended for me that I felt I must blow it to scare the fox and save you."

"Thanks," said Uncle Wiggily. Then he took the bugle blower home to Jacko, but somehow or other, the old chap never really blew his horn again. Perhaps once was all he could do it. The rest of the time he had to be make-believe. Anyhow, he saved Mr. Long-ears, and if the trolley car doesn't go sliding down hill with the automobile and bunk into the sprinkling cart I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily and the jar of jelly.

An English, Irish and Scottish soldier were returning to camp after a stroll. They were footsore and tired, and a kindly farmer on his way home from market gave them a lift on the road.

The soldiers were very grateful and wished to reward the farmer for his kindness.

Said the Englishman: "Let's stand him a drink."

"Sure," said Pat, "that is agin the law. Let's give him some baccy."

"Hoot, ma laddies!" interjected the Scot. "Dinna be extravagant. Let's shake haun's wi' the mon an' wish him gude night."

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Commencing the tour of the province in the interest of seed growing, Professor P. A. Boving, of the University staff, and A. McMeans, the Dominion expert, are in the city.

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Mrs. Littler, wife of the Rev. C. R. Littler, of St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, left on Tuesday for Berkeley, California, where she will spend the next two months for the benefit of her health.

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Mrs. Tait, who has been residing in the city for the past twelve months, has removed to Vancouver, where she will take up her residence with her daughter, Miss Grace Tait. Miss Peggy Tait recently returned to Kamloops, to resume her duties as teacher, after spending a month's vacation with her mother in Victoria.

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So acute is the food situation becoming in Great Britain that the authorities are urging the return to Canada of the wives and families of Canadian soldiers, unless they are permanently engaged in war work. Nearly twenty-seven thousand Canadian families are at present in England, and constitute a serious drain upon the food supply.

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Ernest McGaffey, who left here in October last for California, is now editor of The Graphic, a Los Angeles journal. For some time he was associate editor, now he holds the editorship. The former Secretary of the Bureau of Provincial Information has just contributed an article to the American Angler on fishing in British Columbia.

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Thte fame of "The Mandarin" has spread abroad, and in consequence that talented company has received, and accepted, an invitation to repeat the musical comedy at Duncan, where it will be given on Saturday, February 23. Rumor has it that there is also a prospect of the production being staged for one performance at Camp Lewis.

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The marriage took place in Duncan recently of Stirling Maysmith, of this city, and Miss Henrietta Blanche Gidley, daughter of the late William Gidley, formerly of Victoria. Rev. J. J. Nixon performed the ceremony at the Duncan Methodist Church. Following a reception, Mr. and Mrs. Maysmith left for Victoria and have taken up their residence here.

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Mrs. R. B. Blackwood-Wileman, of Quamichan, has received the disquieting news of the critical condition of her son, Lieut. Temple G. Blackwood, who recently underwent a further operation. He has been lying in a precarious condition in England since last year, when he was very seriously wounded at the battle of the Somme. Mrs. Blackwood-Wileman was recently bereaved by the death of her cousin, the late Marquis of Dufferin and Ava.

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With the entry of a member of the fair sex into the Legislature, the all-important question has arisen "Must Mrs. Ralph Smith remove her hat when rising to address the Speaker?" Rule 12 of House procedure declares that members must uncover the head before rising to address the Speaker, and according to rumor Mr. Speaker Keen is delving into the archives of parliamentary procedure to ascertain a precedent, that he may give a ruling on this matter, of vital moment concerning the doffing or otherwise of the lady member's new spring creation.

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In a letter received in the city yesterday from W. Anthony Williams, of Victoria, he states that, on the advice of Madame Melba and Mr. Bagbie, of the Bagbie Concerts, he was leaving New York to take up a course of training under a famous teacher in Boston. Both Bagbie and the prima donna have heard Mr. Williams sing, and the former promises him a hearing at the Metropolitan Opera House when he has completed his training. Mr. Williams spoke of having met Mrs. W. F. Brougham, of Vancouver, who with her daughter Daphne, is wintering in the metropolis.

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A wedding of interest to the bride's many friends in this city took place at Ashcroft on Monday last, when Miss Gladys I. House, daughter of Mrs. Gloria House, of Victoria, was united in marriage to John K. Albiston, of Savona, B. C. Rev. Daniel Walker, of Zion Presbyterian Church, Ashcroft, officiated, the ceremony being witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser, of Ashcroft. A large gathering attended the reception following the ceremony, and extended felicitations to the happy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Albiston will make their home in Savona, where the bride has been teaching for eighteen months previous to her marriage.

GIRL GUIDES' CONCERT

Five Victoria Companies to Give Display To-morrow in Aid of Belgian Relief.

Victorians to-morrow are to be given an opportunity to help a very deserving cause—Belgian relief—and at the same time encourage a movement which may be said to be in its infancy in this district—the Baden Powell Girl Guides. All who have read of the wonderful work accomplished by the Girl Guides in England since the war, will realize the immeasurable assistance that these young female "Admirable Crichtons" have rendered to the country. The movement is productive of the greatest good for the younger members of the fair sex, inculcating an efficiency and smartness of demeanor, and developing a sense of initiative.

To-morrow at the Mason Street Headquarters the five Victoria companies will give a programme of music and a display of their work including drill, signalling, etc., winding up with a camp-fire scene. The occasion will provide an opportunity for the first public appearance of the newly-organized company of Gordon Head. A nominal sum is to be charged for admission, and will be handed to the Belgian Relief Fund. Mrs. A. E. Griffiths, Commissioner of the Girl Guides, has announced her intention of attending the affair.

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Those who have seen Marguerite Clark impersonate "Bab," Mary Roberts Rinehart's winsome heroine in "Bab's Diary" and "Bab's Burglar" will welcome her return to the screen in "Bab's Matinee Idol" which is to be the attraction at the Royal Victoria Theatre to-night. "Bab's Matinee Idol" is a screamingly humorous picture and bids fair to become one of the most popular of Miss Clark's productions.

TRIUMPH OF PHOTOPLAY IS "THE HONOR SYSTEM"

Filming the lion at the camera's mouth is dwarfed as an accomplishment with the picturing right up in front of their burrow of some Arizona cottontail rabbits by Director R. A. Walsh, who produced the new and powerful film, "The Honor System."

Any old-timer out there will know that same cottontail is even more "skeery" than a prairie dog, and that's some peek-a-boo dodger, and when he starts back into his hole a jackrabbit is lame and wind-blown in comparison. But Mr. Walsh dashed on the screen in one of his quick, darling changes from intensity to laughter a view of the little fellows keeping house and quivering their lips in disdain at the brave camera man.

Lovers of thrills will realize that the greatest thriller in life is Truth when they view this monster photoplay. It tells the story of an inventor of genius who battles against terrific odds in achieving a new and stupendous feat of wireless communication between the United States and a foreign land. Many of the details as well as the broad outline of the story are founded on fact. In this great drama of the screen the motion picture has been vindicated beyond all dispute.

GARDEN CITY INSTITUTE

Women Invite Ratepayers to Discuss Building of Hall in District; Committees Appointed.

At the monthly meeting of the Garden City Women's Institute, held on Tuesday afternoon, twenty-four ratepayers of the district attended as the invited guests of the Institute. In addition, fourteen members were present, Mrs. Birkett, the president, taking the chair.

At the conclusion of the usual routine business, Mr. Rodgers, the president of the Ratepayers' Association, was invited to take the chair, and the meeting fully discussed the question of the building of a much-needed hall in the district. A committee was appointed to ascertain the probable cost of a hall, whether old or new lumber were used, while a second committee was formed to undertake a canvass of the district and find out the amount of money each individual resident would contribute towards the cost of erection.

Some discussion ensued with regard to a proposed Cottage Garden exhibit for Ward Four, but owing to the lateness of the hour, this was postponed for future consideration. Refreshments were served before the meeting finally adjourned, after the visitors had expressed their hearty appreciation of the ladies' hospitality.

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SOMETHING BREWING WITH THAT RAILWAY

R. T. Elliot and P. G. E. Officials Wait Upon Hon. John Oliver

The Provincial Minister of Railways was not in a position this morning to made any statement regarding the possible outcome of negotiations which have recently taken place between the British Columbia Government and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.

Although Messrs. R. T. Elliot, McLeod and Crombie were in consultation with Mr. Oliver for some time this morning, it could not be ascertained whether or not any further offer had been made by the company indicating a willingness on its part to get nearer to the Government's idea of a basis for settlement.

It will be recalled that there is a gap approximating some four millions of dollars between the company's valuation of its assets and the price the Minister of Railways considers equitable. That was the situation as indicated by the Minister at the time he made public the official offer of the company.

Since then a rumor has gone unconfirmed and without denial that the company sprang another half a million dollars into the balance which, it is said, the Minister would multiply by two and then treat it as a starting point for fresh debate on the subject.

Returned Soldier.—Pte. Laidlaw is returning by the boat from Vancouver this afternoon.

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Protestant Orphans' Home.—The ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphanage has made an appeal for donations of vegetables and potatoes for the use of that institution. It is felt, in view of the many calls made upon the public for funds, that there is a danger of the needs of the home charities being forgotten. As there is a big family of growing children in the home, the help and sympathy of the Victoria public will be gratefully received by the committee of management. The ladies' committee has acknowledged with thanks donations from the following: "Cloverdale," Mrs. C. W. Bradshaw, Dr. Russell, Brittania Lodge, L. O. B. A., Dr. F. M. Bryant, Dr. Lewis Hall and the press.

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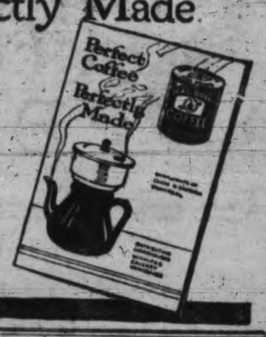


BACK FROM "DOING HIS BIT" AT FRONT

Lieut. D'Arcy Rowe, Son of Late Dr. Eliot Rowe, on Visit Here

There are few people in the City who did not know the late Dr. Eliot Rowe, and, no doubt, many of the others are acquainted with his son, Lieut. D'Arcy Rowe who, invalided from the front with trench fever, is now staying at the Empress Hotel.

Lieut. D'Arcy Rowe left Vancouver nearly two years ago with the 54th Battalion, and was attached to the trench Mortar Battery. Soon after arrival in England he took a draft over to Ypres and there obtained his first sight of the salient to which, a few weeks afterwards, he returned with his unit.

After some few months' service there he went, with the 4th Division, down to the Somme, and was one of those who took part in the successful attack on the Regina trench on October 21, 1916.

Later invalided to England with trench fever he was in hospital at Denmark Hill, London, for some time, and afterwards at the Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, which he left to return to Canada for further treatment. He is now staying with his mother, Mrs. Eliot Rowe, at Vancouver.

Before the outbreak of the war Lieut. Rowe was with the C. P. R. at Calgary. He is returning to Vancouver on Saturday.

EX-CROWN PROSECUTOR

Maj. W. M. McKay Had Exciting Experiences With Submarines in Atlantic.

Major W. M. ("Billy") McKay, formerly Crown prosecutor at Vancouver, who went overseas with the 221st Battalion and who, the battalion drafted into several other Canadian units on arrival, was exceptionally fortunate in being able—seeing that he was over the age to revert—to exchange into an Imperial regiment, retaining his rank, returned to Vancouver yesterday. The journey from England to Vancouver occupied a month, and the steamer immediately ahead of Major McKay's boat was torpedoed.

Major McKay was stationed for six months near the Cambrai front and saw much of the heavy fighting in that section. The British made a three-mile gain at this position, but were later subjected to onslaughts by great numbers of Germans and lost some ground. Now, however, Major McKay, says, they are holding their own and have no longer any fear of what the enemy may do.

Ready For Any Offensive.

He states that one hears more in England of the great offensive the Germans are going to launch in the spring than one does at the front. The men on the firing line have apparently noticed no extraordinary preparations for the much-heralded spring drive by the Germans, and in any event they feel quite ready to meet any offensive the enemy may bring. Neither at the front nor in England did Major McKay run across any feeling of depression among the Britishers, the only thing that apparently causes anxiety being the food situation.

"Canadian officers have a good name in the Imperial service," said Major McKay, "and apparently they have made good. I was talking to the controller of the salvage corps of the British forces in France, a very important section of the army, and he told me he had twenty-one Canadian officers on his staff, and he wished he had sixty more, so well had they done their work. This officer highly praised the practical knowledge the Canadians brought to bear in the execution of their duties."

Major McKay is at present awaiting instructions from the adjutant-general as to what further military work he will undertake.

"HARD TIMES" DANCE PROVES BIG SUCCESS

Over Five Hundred Attend Ball Given by Women's Auxiliary to G. W. V. A.

Pierrots and pierretes, Italians and Spanish dancers, Charley Chaplins and Turkish houri, mingled at the Alexandra Club last night on the occasion of the dance held under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary to the Great War Veterans' Association. The affair was called a "hard times" dance, and many of the dancers had accordingly refrained from donning fancy costume, but their enjoyment was apparently not lessened by this decision, the event being pronounced by all who attended, as the jolliest dance of the season.

A delicious supper, comprising such delicacies as home-made cakes, jellies, tarts, etc., was served in the cafe during the evening. A most effective color scheme of green and red was carried out in the decorations of the supper room and tables, garlands of red hanging from the lamps, while scarlet carnations and fern adorned the tables.

The attendance was very large, over five hundred dancers being on the floor at midnight, following an influx of late-comers from the theatres. The enjoyable affair terminated at 1 o'clock.

The guests expressing great satisfaction with the manner in which the arrangements had been carried out by Mrs. Ball's dance committee. Mr. C. Hildreth acted as master of ceremonies during the evening.

Is Remanded.—Leonard B. Stedman was remanded for another week in the City Police Court to-day on a charge under the Military Service Act. J. S. Brandon appeared on his behalf.

MAJ.-GENERAL LECKIE RETURNS FROM OTTAWA

Obligation to Supply 100,000 Men Job of Civil Authorities, He Says

Questioned on the subject of the Military Service Act, and asked whether he could throw any additional light on the procedure likely to be adopted, Major-Gen. R. G. Edwards Leckie, C.M.G., G.O.C., who reached the city this morning from his conference at Ottawa with the military authorities, stated that the matter was a civil one and he could say nothing about it.

"The civil authorities," said the G. O. C., "have been asked to furnish the military with 100,000 men. How they go about it is their job." It was gathered, however, that in the speaker's opinion, the 100,000 men ought to be secured from the First Class.

As a result of his visit, said General Leckie, certain work here will be able to be carried out more expeditiously, and various economies which he had in mind will also now be able to be put into practice.

Ascertain Policy.

"Primarily," said the G. O. C., "I went to Ottawa to talk over military affairs of the district, as it is most desirable to come personally in touch with the heads of the different departments, say, every six months, exchange views, and ascertain the policy considered to be most useful by the military authorities at the capital.

"This is very necessary, especially considering the great distance we here are from Ottawa, a fact which entails the exchange of a great deal of correspondence before settling matters which, personally, can be arranged in half-an-hour's conversation." These conferences, he added, were of marked benefit to all parties concerned, and he found headquarters did everything possible to expedite his business and to settle points on the different subjects which were brought up.

Vice-Admiral Story.

General Leckie had Vice-Admiral Story as a fellow-passenger on the outward trip, the latter staying over at Ottawa with Admiral Kingsmill for a couple of days before continuing his journey to assume command at Halifax. The morning they arrived at Ottawa the temperature was thirty-four below, the cold snap lasting two days before getting down to something more agreeable. "The people there," said the G. O. C., "very much envy us our climate."

On his way back to Victoria General Leckie was joined at Calgary by Brig.-Gen. R. A. Helmer, Director-General of Musketry, who had been inspecting training operations. General Helmer stayed over at Vancouver to carry out similar duties at Hastings Park, and, accompanied by Mrs. Helmer, will come to Victoria after his work at the Terminal City is concluded.

KILLED IN ACTION

Pte. Ben Bonsall, Native Son, Died in Battle in France on February 9.

Word has been received here that Pte. Ben Bonsall, third son of H. and Mrs. Bonsall, of Westholme, and a grandson of M. Botterill, of Victoria, was killed in action on February 9. Pte. Bonsall, who, at the time of his death, was only twenty-four years of age, was a native son and went overseas with the Western Scots in March, 1916, since which time he had taken part in the fighting at Ypres, the Somme, Vimy Ridge, Lens. His brother, Cpl. Fred Bonsall, who left the city with the 48th Battalion, is in France with a railway construction detachment, and a sister is on the nursing staff of the Resthaven military hospital.

Garbage Cans.—The question of making a charge for cans, $2 for the first supplied to a residence, and $3 for each subsequent can, is being discussed in the Civic Streets Committee this afternoon. This does not represent present cost, prices having risen twofold since the service was inaugurated on account of the difficulty of securing sheet metal. The actual price is now about $3.75 a can.

"Everything I Eat Turns To Gas---Stomach on Fire With Indigestion!"

Simple Ant-Acid Taken With Meals Prevents Gas, Bloating, Belching, Heartburn, Sour Stomach and Acid Indigestion. Eat Freely Without Fear. No More Diet

People who have "stomach trouble" and who suffer after nearly every meal from sour, acid, gassy stomach, bloating, heart-burn and indigestion should just try taking a couple of 5-grain bisurated magnesia tablets after their meals for a while and note results.

Medical men made a most important discovery in the treatment of stomach troubles when they found that practically every case of indigestion and dyspepsia was caused by the presence in the stomach of "too much acid." By using ordinary bisurated magnesia to neutralize this acid and sweeten the stomach the food digested naturally with out causing trouble and digestive aids, like pepsin, etc., were no longer necessary.

Bisurated Magnesia is a special form of refined magnesia which you should be most careful to insist upon. It does not digest food like pepsin, but instead neutralizes or transforms the poisonous biting acid that has formed in your stomach and is causing you misery. Your digestive machinery, relieved of the hampering acid accumulation does its work without trouble. So remarkable is the action of bisurated magnesia in stopping stomach distress that as a rule the worst pain, burning or sour sensation will vanish within five minutes from the time it reaches the stomach. Any dyspeptic or stomach sufferer can prove this easily with a single trial and with perfect safety as bisurated magnesia is harmless and in this form is not a laxative.

Get a little Bisurated Magnesia from your druggist and try it at your very next meal and forget all fear of indigestion.

LOOK! BEHOLD!

The splendid chance you now have to buy good reliable Shoes at ridiculously low prices. This opportunity may not occur again for a year. The

"K" BOOT SHOP

SALE OPENS PROMPTLY AT 10 O'CLOCK EVERY MORNING

Excels all others when it comes to giving bargains. Never before has such genuine honest bargains been offered to the shopping people of Victoria. If you really want to save anywhere from $1.00 to $4.50 on a pair of Shoes, come to-day and let us show you the splendid bargains we are offering.

Woman's Tan "K" Brogues, Only $6.85

With medium-weight oak tan soles. A splendid walking shoe for spring and summer, in fact, a shoe for any occasion. They are "K's" and need no further recommendation. Regular $9.50. Sale price only **$6.85**

Get Yours Quick.

LADIES' PUMPS, $1.50 A PAIR

Mercerized Repp Pumps, in all sizes, medium heels. A splendid pump for the house. Only, a pair **$1.50**

GROWING GIRLS' $5.50 SHOES FOR $3.85

A Gun Metal Blucher, with low heels, specially built for growing girls; sizes 2½ to 7, only **$3.85**. Another one in patent leather and cloth top, regular $5.00 value, only **$2.85**

MISSES' $3.75 SHOES FOR $2.75

Misses' Gun Metal Bluchers, sizes 11 to 2, Educator last, strong soles; regular $3.75 values only **$2.75**
8 to 10½, only **$2.25**

INFANTS' BUTTON BOOTS

Sizes 4 to 7½. A good $1.50 value. Only **95c**
Better Ones at only **$1.50**

LADIES' SLIPPERS $1.85

Ladies' House 1-Strap Slippers, good wide fitters, all sizes, only **$1.85**

Men's "K" Boots and Brogues

All have a cut price attached to them for a short time only. Men who have worn "K's" before are buying two and three pairs now because they know the quality and appreciate bargains—

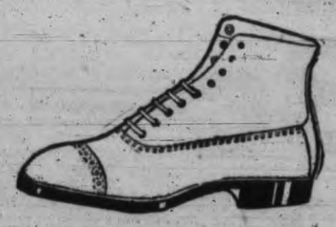
Russian Tan "K" Boots, now **$7.50**
Black French Calf "K" Boots, now **$7.50**
Heavy Chrome "K" Work Boots, now **$8.50**
Others, ~~$9.50, $9.90, $10.80~~ and **$12.60**

Let us show you to-day.

Ladies' Gunmetal Calf and Kid "K" Boots Only $6.85

Don't miss this special in "K" Boots. If you have never worn "K" Boots, just ask your neighbor about them. We will be satisfied with her answer, so will you. Let us show you to-day. $9.50 "K" Boots only **$6.85**

Men's Velour Calf Bluchers, $3.85



You shouldn't miss seeing this bargain if you want a good, reliable, yet cheap shoe; all sizes but 8's. Sale price only **$3.85**

"K" BOOT SHOP 1115 Govt. St.

Ladies' $7, $8 and $9.50 Novelty Boots for $3.85

Here are bargains, extra special if you really want to save on your spring footwear buy now. They are absolutely less than wholesale prices. We have all sizes in the lot to choose from. Only **$3.85**

LADIES $5.00 SHOES ONLY $1.85

Ladies' Patent Button Cloth Top Shoes, sizes up to 3. A regular $5.00 value, only **$1.85**

MEN'S HARTT SHOES, REGULAR $9.00 SHOE FOR $5.85

Here are good bargains. You know how Hartt shoes wear. Get your size quick, only **$5.85**

BOYS' NEOLIN SOLE SHOES, $5.45

Of course the boy wants Neolin, they are so dressy. Sale price only **$5.45**

BOYS' $4.50 AND $5.00 SHOES FOR $3.45

Saturday bargains for the boys, all sizes in the lot. Box Calf Bluchers and Gun Metal Shoes, good, reliable soles, only **$3.45**

BOY SIZES, 11 TO 2, ONLY $2.65

Extra good everyday neat dressy Shoes for the boys, box calf leather; $3.50 values, only **$2.65**

"Yon's Where the Men Are," Said Harry Lauder at Joint Club Luncheon

Idol of Footlights Drops His Stage Trappings and Reveals War, Its Responsibilities, Its Griefs and Its Humor

Many men of international fame and reputation have delighted Victoria audiences before to-day. Celebrities from remote places have told of men and things unique and universal. Statesmen from other lands have discoursed upon subjects of serious portent. Heroes of the battlefield, scientists, ambassadors, representatives of royalty and august personages, acquainted with the big business of a world war, have come and gone. Each one of them has made a studied and particular appeal to the patriotism of Victoria audiences.

But yesterday Harry Lauder came and talked—also about the war. And it would probably be safe to say that the greater percentage of the large audience which taxed the capacity of the Empress Ballroom saw, for the first time, Harry Lauder, the man—minus his stage tra pings and his inimitable footlight furnishings.

Orator and Comedian.

To those whose memories go back to the days when Harry Lauder's name first took its proud place on a London Show Bill, the Lauder of 1918 was a new discovery. He is a great orator as well as a great comedian. To those whose knowledge of Lauder as an entertainer did not extend past the "gramophoned" portrayal of his own particular art, the distinguished visitor gave enjoyment unalloyed. To all those to whom the name of Lauder hitherto began and ended in just the name, he was a veritable revelation.

Value of His Mission.

Nor was this all. He spoke the proof that a footlight entertainer, little more than five feet high, is capable of saying and doing more than the parliaments of an Empire to swing armies to victory, to cheer the crippled warrior to the knowledge that his sacrifice has not been in vain, to hearten peoples in the slough of despond; yes, and to infuse a realism into a nation's responsibility at war, more potent than the finest phrases ever culled for the construction of a treaty. No pulpit or rostrum appeal could excel its quality.

This man, then, the darling of the gods, a real Scot, the father of an only son, whose life was his bond of patriotism, spoke to the members of the Rotary and Canadian Clubs and their women folk yesterday afternoon for nearly an hour.

The Huns' Hellishness.

From the moment he was introduced by President John Cochrane, of the Canadian Club, Rotarian Harry Lauder, from Scotland, held his audience spell bound—and no one knows an audience quite so well as he does. His humor crept in frequently; it could scarcely help it: But for the nonce Harry Lauder, the comedian, gave obvious place to Harry Lauder, the man of international importance and a patriot of eminence. His feeling references to the scenes of desolation back of the lines in France, whether he has often gone on his mission of good cheer, at times when the load of his own loss was well nigh unbearable, were realistic glimpses of the hellishness of the Hun, for so he chose to describe them.

His insight into the Hun and the way he makes war found reflection in his relation of painful incidents which came within his personal knowledge. But the price of the Hun predominant was British Liberty, which he felt that no man could lose except with his life. And in his appeal for a renewed determination to press on until complete victory should be won, the distinguished visitor reminded his audience with all the eloquence he could command that there was no such thing as doing one's bit. The men at the front did and gave their best, and the following of that example by those left behind was the least of payment for the privilege of British citizenship.

His Old Voice.

While the great comedian begins to show a little of the creeping hand of time he was looking extremely well. He possesses, as he always did, a keen liking for the fragrant weed by way of a substantial looking briar. His voice was never better, and his national costume still sits well on his Scotch limbs.

Patriotism and Service.

"This gathering at which I have the honor of presiding," said President John Cochrane as he rose to introduce the guest, "is unique in the history of the city. It is a joint luncheon of the Canadian and Rotary Clubs. Each of these in common with other organizations for the advancement of the public welfare, has a predominant principle which may be considered the motive power of its activities and the ideal for its achievements. If I interpret aright the aspirations of these two clubs I would say that the dominant principle of the Canadian Club is 'Patriotism' and that of the Rotary Club, 'Service.' These two principles, 'Patriotism' and Service' are inseparably interlocked. True patriotism involves self-sacrificing service and self-sacrificing service for one's country is the highest expression of patriotism."

A Distinguished Rotarian.

"It is eminently fitting that the Canadian Club, dominated by 'Patriotism' and the Rotary Club dominated by 'Service' should participate in a joint luncheon in honor of a distinguished Rotarian, who in his personality and work strikingly exemplifies these two great principles. Let us consider them in relation to our guest. First—'Patriotism': Our guest is a Scot. Are the Scots patriotic? What of Wallace, Bruce, Burns, Sir Colin Campbell, General Gordon, and coming down to the present time, Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, Sir Eric Geddes, Sir Wm. Robertson, and Sir Douglas Haig? Scotsmen all! In this connection, to illustrate the patriotism of the Scot, I recall a statement made to me recently by one of our best-known Aberdonians, that if in this great war England should be induced to conclude a separate peace, Scotland would still carry on."

Gave His Only Son.

"Our guest is a worthy son of his race and on this occasion with tender love and sympathy we would remember the fact, that his only son, a captain in the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of patriotism and liberty on the battlefields of France in December, 1916."

Lauder's Service.

To illustrate the principle of "Service," Mr. Cochrane quoted from an interview given by Mr. Lauder to the American Magazine. It read: "When the Germans killed my only son, they killed every hope for the future that was burning in my breast." After recounting the close comradeship which had existed between himself and his son, and his first sense of unjust bereavement the interview went on: "And then it suddenly came to me that comfort and peace lay in my belief in God and in a future life beyond this earthly sphere; and so, because I saw that it was my duty to help cheer up the nation, I went back to my work."

John Lauder Fund:

"Ladies and gentlemen," continued President Cochrane, "what is involved in this work to which he had returned? One of the most merciful and beneficia: enterprises which the war has produced: 'The John Lauder Fund,' for maimed and mutilated soldiers. The spirit running through that interview is the spirit that will ultimately win the war. It is the spirit which from motives of loftiest patriotism, does not hesitate to lay its choicest treasure upon the altar of human liberty, and rises from that sacrifice, clear-eyed, undaunted and indomitable, with steadfast faith in God and the determination through self-denying service to insure that the great sacrifices which have already been made shall not have been made in vain.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have very great pleasure in presenting to you as our guest to-day one whom I am sure has long since been accorded a warm place in our affections, the world-renowned Scottish entertainer, Mr. Harry Lauder."

The spontaneous volume of applause which burst from the crowded assembly as the President took his seat, gave place to supreme silence as Mr. Lauder rose and stood for a moment "gathering in" his audience.

Glad to Be H-e-r-e.

"Ladies and gentlemen and b-r-o-t-h-e-r Rotarians," he began.

"In coming to Victoria to-day I have realized the one desire of my life. On my last visit to the Coast I did not reach your fair city, and now that I am here, I am afraid I shall not see it; not even in a motor car; not even on a joy ride."

No Joy Rides.

"I come from the country where there are no joy rides on motor cars; from the land where for five months last year we had no potatoes; where for two years we have seen no white bread, and where the absence of sugar and butter is becoming the daily occurrence. Why? Because of 'war.' But here you live in land of plenty, a huge Dominion abounding in every blessing; rich to overflowing with natural resources. O! men, if there is anything in your country to be developed, then I say for God's sake get busy and develop it. Develop your resources. If we had only practised in my own land what I now beseech of you, what I tell you to be your duty to the Empire, we would not have been dependent upon the cheap article from Germany. Yes, we called the market cheap, but it has proven the dearest market ever known to the world. May be it needed this hellish carnage to teach us to develop our own, and if so we are learning over a hard course."

There Are No "Bits."

"I am here to add my word against anything that is going to impede our victory in this war and I want to tell you that we must give our fighting men everything they desire, gratify their very last want. How may times do we hear the old expression, "Yes, I am doing my bit.' There is no such thing as 'I am doing my bit' with the man in the trenches; there is only the 'I am doing my best!' Nothing save their best will win the cause of liberty and for that liberty they will lay down their all, their lives.' The feeling ring of Lauder's voice went home and the next sentence went deeper still:

Where the Men Are.

"Yon's where the men are; yon's where the men are. How can I tell you of what I have seen and heard at the front, where men go over 'the top' singing or whistling snatches of some old melody. They know they may never come back, and their sacrifice is the greater. When men do that, let's not measure our dollars with their lives

"In the United States I told them that they must be inoculated with the serum of 'Service.' We are fighting for 'liberty'; we stand behind the grey walls of cannon, the mighty cannon, and behind those cannon stand the best, the noblest men the world has ever known. They are clearing the way for a new civilization. They are the lamplighters for this and future generations. Ah! yes, yon's where the men are. I wish you folks could see them. You mothers and fathers, picture your lad in some damp dugout. He is there with other men like himself, and believe me when I tell you, he would not be out of it. It is like a magnet; it pulls you in. What pulls you in?"

There was a pause and then said Lauder: "The hellishness of the Hun. The wake of the Hun is abominable desolution.

France's Desolation.

"You view your map of France and think of all its picturesque villages dotting the road to Bapaume; but where are those villages now? Crumbling beneath ruins. Yes, I say, the hellishness of the Hun. I have heard it said that some people do not believe the half of what they hear concerning him. Take it from me, there is nothing that you can think of, too hellish for the Hun. But you have sacrificed, you have sacrificed and suffered as I have and you will leave this place with the determination that there is nothing but a complete victory that can avail the cause of liberty. We believe that God lives; that He is a God of Justice and that He will see us through. It is among His commandments that we should love our enemies, but God does not expect us to love His enemies; and I do not think the Germans have a friend to-day."

The Bank of Humanity.

"Before this war we had not grasped the real spirit; we led the selfish cold life. How often have you stood before your glass, straightened your waistcoat and said, 'By gosh, I look well to-day.' We were sleeping on the pillow of our own importance. These lives of ours must be cemented together, cemented until we are solid as the Rock of Ages; not until then will we be shareholders in the Bank of Humanity."

America's Entry.

Passing on to the entry of the United States Mr. Lauder continued: "It is a great thing that America is in the fight, and those of us who knew America's condition, who realized what was necessary for her to accomplish before entering this war, we, I say, who appreciate these circumstances, thank God for President Wilson. People will tell you they know why America was so long in coming in, but they frequently fail to realize the strength of those barriers which kept her out It was German propaganda. Oh! no, it was not the Germans in Germany, but the Germans in America who secretly prepared and concealed the supplies of guns and munitions. Yes, and that propaganda was first started in the United States many years back, as far back as the time when a Prussian King of England tried to introduce Prussianism into America. Since the American revolution there has never been an alliance between the United States and Great Britain; German propaganda again. Aye, and that same influence was creeping into Canada, in fact had taken a pretty good foothold in Quebec. When I was in Montreal I told them the truth about it, and they didn't like it."

Great Britain—Not England.

The speaker paused for a moment mentally noting perhaps a sprinkling of Englishmen before him. His eyes twinkled as he said: "And you folk who are always talking about what England has done. I tell you that since 1603 there has been no England, and even then Scotland gave England the first King of the Union." The laughter subsided and Harry went on: "When we speak in terms of this war, we speak of Great Britain and the British Empire. When this great conflict commenced we were napping, but in seven months we had raised four and one-half millions of men; yes, volunteers! The tentacles of the British Empire have stretched out to every part of the globe, and they pulled in too. What of the dominions? The best of a nation's blood from Canada, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and India. What of England, Scotland, Wales; and what of old Ireland! There never was a fight but what an Irishman was in it. There are rebels, there always are rebels, but there are many heroic Irishmen fighting to-day side by side with the bravest sons of Empire."

The Buffer State.

As he approached the closing remarks of his address Mr. Lauder once again returned to the subject of the self-sacrificing service so vividly exemplified by the war. He referred to Belgium as the buffer for Great Britain and to Great Britain in turn as the buffer for the American continent. He pictured the situation which would have resulted had Germany reached Paris. The Atlantic Coast would have been a battle line. To what heroism could the deeds of the first British forces be likened, and among those boys were to be found the first quota of Canada's manhood. "So long as the lapping waves race over your sandy shore will Canadians go to worship at the shrines of those men who have written Canada's name in letters of gold on the battlefields of Flanders," said the speaker.

The True Ring.

Dr. MacLean, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education, in asking the chairman on behalf of the Government and the people of British Columbia to thank Mr. Lauder for his address, said it had been his pleasure to listen to no more inspiring address than that delivered by the distinguished guest. The depth of sincerity expressed in every word Mr. Lauder had spoken provided a real link of contact with the boys in France.

Mayor Todd, on behalf of the City of Victoria and the Rotary Club, seconded the motion of thanks, and three rousing cheers for Harry Lauder concluded the proceedings.

Distinguished Company.

Besides Mr. Lauder and President John Cochrane, those at the guest table were: Mayor Todd, James Hunter, representing the Rotary Club; Bishop Macdonald, Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Education; Hon. J. W. deB. Farris, Attorney-General; Hon. Dr. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works; Hon. T. D. Patullo, Minister of Lands; Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance; W. J. Bowser, M. P. P.; George Bell, M. P. P.; Lieut. Wood, of the Esquimalt naval forces; Col. Tooley, Rev. J. H. Inkster, Rev. Dr. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. Dr. MacLean, James Forman, president of the Board of Trade; Stephen Jones, Harry Bird, C. T. Cross, Joshua Kingham, A. E. Foreman and W. S. Terry.

A tall man, impatiently pacing the platform of a wayside station, accosted a boy of about twelve.

"S-s-say," he said, "d-d-do y-you know h-h-how late this train is?"

The boy grinned, but made no reply. The man stuttered out something about kids in general and passed into the station.

A stranger asked the boy why he hadn't answered the big man.

"D-d-d-d'ye wanter to see me g-g-get me fa-fa-face punched? D-d-dat big g-guy'd t'ink I was mo-mo-mocking him."

Would You Be Willing to Accept $500.00 ?

THE Contest is open to all adults residing in Victoria, except newspaper employees. It costs nothing to enter.

For your SPARE TIME for a period of seven weeks (forty-two working days) without any additional expense to you?

Are you willing to match your business ability against a few other competitors when you are assured in advance of suitable reward?

If you can answer these questions in the affirmative, then enter your name as a candidate in The Times Want Ad Contest which will officially open early next week.

Here's the proposition in a nutshell: The Times has set aside at least $800 in cash, divided into three parts ($500, $200 and $100) to be given away as prizes, and asking energetic adults of Victoria to take part in a Want Ad Contest as candidates.

A small number have signified their intention to compete, but there is room for a half dozen more. Won't you be one of that half dozen, so that we can start the contest in a few days?

The work required is easy for persons who are really in earnest. It consists of calling on business men and professional people (natural prospects who would be benefitted through classified advertising) and soliciting new and renewal contracts and payments upon the same; also selling Coupon Books (at a discount) good for all kinds of classified advertising. The Times has never made any particular bid for this class of advertising, and the field is a wide and fertile one.

The prizes will be awarded according to votes secured, and votes will be given at a certain rate for all cash collected and for each dollar represented in contracts as well. The candidate having the largest vote will receive the big prize of $500, the one standing second will get $200, and the one with the third largest vote $100. All other active candidates whose collections reach or exceed $50 will be paid a cash commission of 10% upon their individual collections.

Nominations will be received at the special office in Room 306, Times Building (take elevator), also all business pertaining to the Contest will be transacted in the Contest Department at the same place.

DO NOT HESITATE ANY LONGER ABOUT ENTERING THE CONTEST. YOU HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR ALMOST A WEEK, AND THE PROPOSITION IS CERTAINLY PLAIN TO YOU NOW. AT ROOM 306, TIMES BUILDING, YOU WILL FIND THE CONTEST MANAGER, AND YOU MAY HAVE YOUR FIRST INTERVIEW ANY TIME BETWEEN 9 AND 6 O'CLOCK TO-MORROW.

NOTICE

TO ENROLLED CANDIDATES AND OTHERS WHO EXPECT TO ENTER:

Please call at the Contest Office some time Saturday. We will likely be able to tell you the exact date of the opening day and give you a lot of valuable information as well.

Easy Money for Times Readers

Being an early riser, coupled with exceptional skill as a puzzle solver, won $2 for Mr. Philip Foster, of Marigold, P. O., who brought the correct answer to the contest office this morning. He was almost at the end of the waiting line at that.

WINNING AD.

FORD TIRES, 30 x 3½. Millenium Plain at $14.85 will give you entire satisfaction. Pilmley's Garage. F1931

DESCRIPTION

Reference many people object to, especially yound ladies, and young men, too; nothing omitted, the whole thing; a declaration, often used as a business getter.

EXPLANATION

"Plain" is the first point; young ladies or older ones, and men, too, do not relish being called plain. "Entire" includes the whole thing; "Satisfaction," to give or guarantee, is a business getter.

KEY TO AD.

Handicap to many Victorians; a topic much discussed at present.

A want ad. answering this description will be found on one or the other of the classified pages to-day. The reward for finding it is $1.

$1 WILL be paid to the person bringing the first correct answer to the Contest Manager, Room 306, Times Building, between 9 and 11 o'clock Saturday morning. If the correct ad is not found, $2.00 will be paid Monday, and so on $1.00 per day will be added until solution is found. Then a new ad will be described and the some procedure followed.

PASTE AD HERE

..... Name

..... Address

Now, if you reach the Contest Office first to-morrow morning with the correct answer, $1.00 will be yours. At the same time think seriously about the $500 The Times is offering as a first prize in the Want Ad Contest.

The described ad has been placed in a sealed envelope and handed to the Advertising Manager of The Times.

Bankrupt Sale of TUNGSTEN LAMPS

We were asked to turn this big Vancouver Bankrupt Stock of LAMPS into CASH. Only a few days left to get these lamps at the ridiculous low price of

28c

10 to 40 watt. Reg. 45c. Sale price 28c

60 watt. Reg. 50c. Sale price 38c

P. S.—All Lamps Tested at Time of Purchase. We Do Not Deliver Tungsten Lamps

B. C. Hardware & Paint Co., Ltd.

717 FORT STREET PHONE 82

Economy in Shoes

Cheap Shoes never save you any money. In the end they cost more than they are worth. Practice real economy by buying your Shoes at Maynard's. Our Shoes cannot be surpassed for comfort, style and wearing qualities.

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NANAIMO ABSENTEES TAKEN IN THE BUSH

Three Men Were on Hunting Expedition; Another to Return to Ranks

How the party of men arrested in the hills near Nanaimo Lakes were intercepted and arrested by a provincial and military police squad on Sunday afternoon, was told by Corporal Timms, of the Military Police, to Magistrate Jay, when Wilfrid Beattie, W. Isherwood, and Alfred Beattie were charged in the City Police Court to-day under the Military Service Act.

They appeared to have left their cabin at Panther Lake, and to have been routed to another cabin some distance away when the squad arrested them some 30 miles from Nanaimo. They were proceeding in a westerly direction and apparently heading for the Nitinat country. A snowstorm had delayed the trackers, and the chase proved a long and tiresome one to the participants.

Well Supplied.

The men were well supplied with non-perishable provisions, traps, arms, and ammunition. Wilfrid Beattie had registered, had been refused exemption and did not respond to the report for service issued January 14. The other men had registered, and had been refused exemption but without medical examination.

Magistrate Jay immediately pointed out the irregularity of the latter proceeding. All were remanded for the consent of the Department of Justice to a conviction.

A Change of Mind.

Bruce Conger, who had been convicted on January 3 of an offence under the same Act and is serving six months at the Oakalla prison farm, applied for admission to the ranks again. He was a deserter from the C. A. M. C.

Application by the G. O. C. was made through the Assistant Provost-Marshal, Captain Tweedale, and was granted. He will now be returned to the military.

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Proposed Cloverdale School.—When a definite statement of the intentions of the Government with regard to a grant in aid for the Cloverdale School has been received, there will be meetings of the Saanich School Board and Council on the same date. The question of the Cloverdale school will have to remain in abeyance until that time.

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Mayor Will Preside.—A special committee of management of the Father and Son Banquet, that will be given at the Y. M. C. A. on February 22, called upon Mayor Todd yesterday afternoon, requesting him to preside on the occasion in question. The committee was cordially received and the Mayor signified his pleasure at acceding to their request.

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Flooded Section Requires Attention.—The heavy rains of the past winter having again forced attention to the flooding due to the blocking of a creek on the northeastern side of the City, a conference has been arranged for late to-day. Representatives of the various municipalities will join to meet the owner of a house on the area where the water usually congregates. The object is to secure a natural drainage, as the water formerly found its way out to Oak Bay without trouble.

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Extension of Time.—Because eight of the nineteen Victoria shareholders (owning $62,000 out of the $147,000 capital) are on active service at the front Chief Justice Hunter has given three months' time to see what arrangements the Robson Investment Co., of Vancouver, can make before a petition is heard to wind up the company, which was organized in 1913 to buy 230 feet of frontage on Robson Street near the new Connaught bridge, and which now owns the nine lots between Beatty and Camble Streets.

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Red Cross Campaign.—In the window of the Red Cross Building, 911 Government Street, is a clock illustrating the progress of the Red Cross campaign for 1,000 additional life members. It shows the clock has moved in one week from 797 to 850. While this is not fast enough to suit the necessities of the Red Cross it means an addition of $1,325 to the funds of the Red Cross, and is an indication of what a great help and encouragement it would be to the many who are working hard every day for this cause if every one who could would pay the necessary fee and secure a certificate and pin. Look at the clock and then call at the Temple Building and put the hand forward one notch.

GAMING HOUSE CASE IN POLICE COURT

Alleged Keeper, and Eighteen Men Are Before Magistrate, and Remanded

In the City Police Court this morning George Irving appeared to answer a charge of keeping a gaming house and the following for being found therein: Arthur Hoskyn, Noel Bridges, Smith Trimble, William McNatt, George Prior, Harris Hewitt, Harry Fredericks, Joseph McDowell, Peter Stobart, Nels Nelson, William Sheehan, Virginio Bargetto, Hiram Jeffson, Joseph Bailey, Fred Younger, Charles Jaspar, James Milligan and George Verges.

The charge against Irving and eleven of the eighteen others was called, J. A. Aikman defending. He stated that seven of his clients were working and had asked him to explain their absence to the court.

Sergt. Fry and a squad of police last evening about ten o'clock raided the Cosmopolitan Club, above 565 Johnson Street, and arrested all the men on the premises. A game of draw poker was in progress. The exhibits which were seized, including a notice board and round table, were produced in court.

No evidence was taken, a remand being granted at Mr. Aikman's request until to-morrow.

Appeal judgments in gaming house cases have made it exceedingly difficult to secure a conviction and accordingly for a considerable time there has not been any case brought before the magistrate here.

CELEBRATED DIVINE TO ADDRESS FREEMASONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEWS

of Seattle, who arrived on this morning's boat, will address members of the craft in the Masonic Hall, Fisgard Street, to-night at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Country's Call to Masonic Activity. All Freemasons are cordially invited.

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Much that is both foolish and unscriptural has been spoken and written on the subject of the Millennium, so that some have been led to turn away from the subject. Yet the Word of God has much to say of that time, when war will be a lost art and the peace which men long for will be permanent. Come and hear.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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The Rev. Dr. Matthews to Address Freemasons Friday Night.—The Rev. Dr. Matthews, Seattle's celebrated Divine, will address members of the Fraternity in the Masonic Hall, Fisgard Street, Friday evening, February 15, at 8 p. m. Subject: "The Country's Call to Masonic Activity." All Freemasons are cordially invited to attend.

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To Consider Constitution.—The newly-formed Civic Servants' Protective Association will, through its executive, consider the constitution of the society at a meeting to-morrow evening.

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GALLANT BOY SCOUTS

Four From Island Have Won Military Cross and Four Military Medals.

From the census for the year ending June 30, 1917, of the B. C. Branch of the Boy Scouts' Association, it is shown that four members of the Association, J. G. Tatlow (University Troop), L. B. Potts (University School Troop), Robin Watt (University School Troop), and L. Laundy (4th Troop, Victoria), have won the Military Cross. The Military Medal has been won by Herbert Laundy (4th Troop); Adam C. Knox and K. Foster, both of the 3rd Troop, Victoria. J. C. Brown, of Cumberland, won the French Medal Militaire.

Out of the twenty-nine B. C. Scouts who have given their lives for their country ten came from Victoria and the Island. Their names are as follows:

H. W. Dobbie, K. C. Hart (University Troop); Walter Smith, C. H. Collinson, R. V. Harvey (University School Troop); Basil Worsfold (1st Troop); H. R. Selfe (3rd Troop); R. Reid (5th Troop); H. Levings (9th Troop); and G. Peters (10th Troop).

The enrollment list shows that 4,666 boys have been enrolled as Scouts in the Province.

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Judgment Reserved. — Mr. Justice Clement yesterday afternoon reserved judgment in the action Lindley vs. Vassar, et al.

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Chinese Wins.—Louie Yu Fan, who was plaintiff in a jury trial before Judge Lampman yesterday, in which he sued Delmastro for $57 for damages sustained to his vegetable cart by defendant's auto, was awarded the verdict and $32 and cost, the latter including one good dollar each for the twelve jurymen. The counter-claim of Delmastro was disallowed.

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Talked to the Boys.—Sergt. Smith, who is at present engaged in Y. M. C. A. military work at the Willows Camp, was the speaker last evening to the regular class of boys at the local Association now taking the Canadian Standard Efficiency. The subject chosen by Sergt. Smith was "Patriotism," and the manner in which the attention of the boys was held was evidence of the speaker's grip on his subject.

PASS RESOLUTION

Saanich Liberals Back Up People of Cowichan in Matter of Fisheries.

The Saanich Liberal Association held their annual meeting at the Arcade Building, Victoria, last evening, President McGregor in the chair. The action of the Duncan Board of Trade in protesting against the granting of a license for purse seining in Cowichan Bay supported, and the following resolution was moved by P. W. Dempster and seconded by Andrew Strachan:

"Resolved, that the Saanich Liberal Association at its annual meeting endorses the action of the Duncan Board of Trade in protesting against the granting of a license to the Beacon Fisheries, Ltd., for purse seining in Cowichan Bay, and respectfully urge that the license be cancelled forthwith, as it would be destructive in its operation and unfair to the people of British Columbia."

In view of the fact that many members were not present, as they were attending the Harry Lauder concert, it was decided to defer the election of officers to an adjourned meeting to be held on Friday, March 8, when other important matters will come up for discussion, and F. A. Pauline, M. P. P. for Saanich, and other speakers will address the meeting.

ANOTHER STEP

Acting Minister of Finance at Ottawa to Know Facts About Okanagan Vegetables.

Following the telegram from Sir Robert Borden received by the Hon. John Oliver, on Wednesday last anent the question of possible financial action in regard to surplus stocks of Okanagan vegetables, the Hon. A. K. MacLean, acting Minister of Finance at Ottawa, to whom Sir Robert entrusted the matter, has now replied. The message came by wire and reads as follows:

"Your telegram of the 9th instant to Prime Minister referred to me for reply. Difficult to make direct answer to your inquiry at the moment. Negotiations with British Government and the United States for the establishment of credits to provide for Canadian exports for this year will shortly be commenced. Upon outcome much will depend as to Government's ability to assist in such cases as described in your telegram. At the moment, owing to limitation of Government's power to furnish credits and the abnormal demands therefor I am unable to make favorable reply, but later altered circumstances may permit reconsideration. Should like to know of the exact facts regarding matter mentioned in your telegram."

Mr. Oliver is not particularly impressed with reply, and stated this morning that there appeared to be no reason why the Federal Government could not do something to prevent the vegetables from going to waste.

Building Permit.—A building permit has been issued to Mrs. E. S. Gunn for additions to a house at 1027 Queen's Avenue.

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Analyses Returned.—The analyses of the contents of kegs and cases seized last week in police raids on nine premises, formerly licensed hotels, have been returned. Practically all show the liquor to be below the legal limit.

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Kitchen Camouflage.—Mrs. F. Swanton, of Portland, Ore., gave an address on food substitutes before about one hundred members of the Great War Next of Kin Association last night. She spoke of the value of the soy bean as food, members sampling cakes, salads, etc., and declaring them delicious. Her address also contained valuable hints on the use of maize oil and citric acid, as substitutes for butter and lemons respectively.

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"Muggins" in Seattle.—Mrs. Holden, of the French Red Cross, with Mrs. Woodward and "Muggins," left on this afternoon's boat for Seattle, where Muggins will collect during to-morrow and Sunday on behalf of the French Red Cross. The famous canine collector is well-known to American visitors to Victoria, and it is anticipated that his appeal will meet with generous response in the Sound city.

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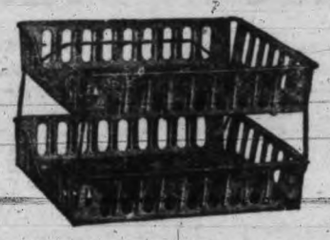

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VICTORIA PLANT WAS REFUSED CONTRACT BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Repeated Efforts by Victoria Machinery Depot, Ltd., to Secure Orders for Steel Ships Prove Unavailing; Firm Prepared to Build 10,000 Ton Ships

Persistent efforts of Victoria shipbuilding interests to secure contracts under the Dominion Government's steel shipbuilding programme have up to the present proved unavailing despite the fact that at least one old-established firm here is prepared to go right ahead with the construction of steel vessels.

What would appear to be discrimination on the part of the Dominion Government, unfair in the extreme to Victoria plants which are equipped with every facility for building of steel carriers of any type required, up to 10,000 tons register, was disclosed yesterday afternoon when some interesting phases of negotiations launched with a view to securing contracts were discussed with a representative of The Times by R. R. Neild, general manager of the Victoria Machinery Depot.

Prepared to Build.

"If the Government will award us contracts on the same conditions that apply to other Canadian yards securing orders," said Mr. Neild, "we are prepared to take up a contract at once and can guarantee to deliver the vessels just as fast as any other plant.

"We have got the engineering shops and the necessary plant and there is nothing in the way of an immediate start on construction once we are assured that a contract has been placed with the firm."

Sought Orders Long Ago.

In order to more fully substantiate his statements and prove the company's position in its endeavor to secure contracts, Mr. Neild delved into a mass of filed correspondence and produced copies of telegrams forwarded to Ottawa as far back as March, 1917 when the Government's original steel shipbuilding programme was first mooted, in which the Victoria Machinery Depot informed C. B. Gordon, vice-chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board that the firm was prepared to handle a contract for seven steel vessels of any approved design up to 10,000 tons each, and further pledged itself as prepared to enlarge the existing plant here to handle any contract that might be awarded. At that time the Victoria Machinery Depot had the opportunity of securing prompt delivery of 1,900 tons of steel plates.

What happened is now history. The old Government decided to drop the proposed steel shipbuilding plan in favor of a wooden shipbuilding scheme which resulted in contracts for twenty seven wooden steamships being placed with British Columbia yards.

Matter Broached Again.

On January 6 last, when the steel programme was again broached, the Victoria Machinery Depot, Ltd., wired Sir Joseph Flavelle to the effect that the Company was prepared to undertake the construction of steel ships of any desired capacity, inquiring as to the prospects of an order and the conditions of contract, it being intimated in the telegram that the Company's request of the previous March had evidently been misunderstood.

Again on February 4 last, C. J. V. Spratt, of the Victoria Machinery Depot, wired Dr. Simon Tolmie, Dominion member for Victoria, at Ottawa, in effect as follows: "Take up with Minister of Marine question of letting of contracts for building steel ships in Victoria as there are a number of plants quite capable of taking contracts if given opportunity, and which are now practically idle and not suitable for the building of wooden vessels."

Government's Reply.

Dr. Tolmie evidently took up the matter at once with the Minister of Marine as indicated by the following unsatisfactory reply from A. Johnston, Deputy Minister of Marine: "Awarding of contracts under Government programme confined to yards now engaged in construction of steel yards."

"So you see that is how the matter stands to-day," said Mr. Neild. "We have expressed our intention of being prepared to build steel ships of 8,8000 tons, or of any tonnage desired, and the Government has turned us down."

Alive to Situation.

"I wish to point out that Victoria firms are not laying down and letting these contracts pass by without making an effort to secure some of the business. All we want is the same terms as the other firms and we are ready to go ahead with construction immediately the steel is delivered on the ground."

Old Established Yards.

With reference to the Government's reply to the effect that only the plants now having steel ships under construction would secure contracts under the new programme, Mr. Neild stated, what is an acknowledged fact, that Victoria could boast of steel and engineering yards that were established long before other plants on the mainland. "There is no getting away from it," he added, "the plants are here and should have some consideration when the contracts for these steel ships are placed."

No Drawback Now.

The only reason that the Victoria Machinery Depot had not launched out into the steel shipbuilding industry on a large scale before this, said Mr. Neild, was the great difficulty in securing delivery of steel. This drawback would be no hindrance under the new shipbuilding programme, as the Dominion Government had already made arrangements for the placing of orders through the United States Purchasing Commission with the large steel companies across the border.

IMMENSE TURN OVER BY ALASKA PACKERS

San Francisco Concern Nets Profit of $18,103,895 in Past Twenty-Five Years

That the net profits of the Alaska Packers' Association, of San Francisco, have amounted to a total of $18,103,895 in the last twenty-five years, is one of the facts disclosed in the Association's annual statement for 1918. In that period the net assets have increased $9,644,098 and $8,459,797 has been paid out in cash.

The company's assets for 1918 are given at $16,002,682, this including $5,162,009 as the value of the Association's canneries and fleet, as well as $2,658,125 invested in Liberty Bonds. Accounts receivable total $1,734,794, and cash on hand amounts to $757,881. The surplus over all liabilities amounts to $3,393,120.

In the years 1893 to 1917, inclusive, the Association hatched more than 1,000,000,000 salmon, caught 343,147,396 salmon and packed 26,114,553 cases and 153,106 barrels of salmon.

Owns Seventeen Canneries.

The Association's report shows that the organization owns 2,397 acres of land in Alaska, 708 acres in Washington, and seventy-four acres in California, a total of 3,179 acres. Canneries owned and operated by the association number fourteen in Alaska and three in Washington. During the 1917 season, 6,781 men were employed by the Association.

The Association's fleet consist of sixteen iron and steel ships and barques, aggregating 33,554 gross tons; nine wooden ships, barques, barquentines and schooners, 10,083 gross tons; two steel steamships, 1,744 gross tons; a grand total of 45,381 gross tons. In addition the Association owns twenty five fishing steamboats and forty power launches.

MILWAUKEE RUMOR PROMPTLY DENIED

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 15.—"Nothing in it," said W. G. Murrin, assistant general manager of the B. C. Electric, when asked as to the credibility of the report that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway was again dickering for the purchase of the B. C. Electric freight lines in the New Westminster district.

"There is not the slightest chance at present of the Milwaukee taking over the line, and has not been for the past nine years," said Mr. Murrin. "The possibility of the Milwaukee renting any of our lines has not been discussed in the past six weeks, and the purchase has never been discussed at all. Of course there is always a possibility of the B. C. E. building into the city down China Creek from Cedar Cottage, but it is not at present a probability.

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SHIPS HELD HERE BY SCARCITY OF SEAMEN

Edward R. West and Guaytecas Unable to Put to Sea; Stasia Coming for Men

The lack of seamen for the merchant service was never more apparent than at the present time. For several days past the American schooner Edward R. West, Capt. Brasting, and the Chilean barque Guaytecas, Capt. Mullea, fully laden with lumber cargoes loaded at British Columbia ports, have been swinging idly at anchor in the Royal Roads, awaiting the opportunity to round out a full crew, but as the supply of men is unequal to the demand, the departure of these vessels to sea is very indefinite.

Capt Brasting has left no stone unturned in an effort to secure a full complement but, up to the present, all to no purpose. The Edward R. West still requires four men before she can get away to sea.

The same state of affairs prevail across the border, as all Americans of military age are not permitted to leave Seattle. The Sound cities are being scoured by crew contractors in an effort to sign on enough men to round out the Edward R. West's complement, but the same tale is sent out—there are not the men available to man the vessels awaiting dispatch from Puget Sound.

Two men arrived here yesterday from Seattle for the schooner, but another, a Chilean, was detained at the boat because he was of military age and had not taken out his registration card. Capt. Brasting hopes that he will be able to get away to sea by the end of the week.

In Worse Fix.

The iron barque Guaytecas is in a much worse fix. With the exception of her officers she is practically denuded of her crew, and Capt. Mullea does not know where to turn to secure the seamen he requires. He went to Seattle the other day to endeavor to locate some men but came back without accomplishing his mission.

The Guaytecas may be held here indefinitely.

Stasia Wants Crew.

The five-masted auxiliary schooner Stasia, formerly the Beatrice Castle and now flying the French flag, is due here next week to complete her cargo and take on a crew. Her chances of securing a complement within a reasonable amount of time appear to be very remote.

WIRELESS REPORTS

8 a. m., Feb. 15.

Point Grey—Snow; calm; 30.07; 31; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Snow; calm; 30.01; 30; sea smooth.

Pachena—Cloudy; E. light; 29.93; 35; smooth.

Estevan—Overcast; calm; 29.70; 26; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.76; 30; sea smooth.

Triangle—Cloudy; S. E. moderate; 30.08; 34; sea smooth. Spoke steamer Chicago, 12.45 a. m., Queen Charlotte Sound, southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Rain; snow; S. E. fresh; 30.01; 32; sea rough.

Noon.

Point Grey—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.06; 36; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 29.98; 31; sea smooth. Spoke str Santa Ana, 11.?9 a.m., entering Seymour Narrows, northbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; S. E., fresh; 29.86; 40; light swell.

Estevan—Cloudy; S. E., light; 29.65; 39; sea moderate. Spoke str Princess Maquinna, 11.15 a.m., left Kyuquot 10.30 a.m., southbound; spoke str Tees, 11.15 a.m., entering Sydney Inlet, northbound.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; E.; 29.71; 33; sea smooth.

Triangle—Cloudy; S. E., light; 30.00; 35; sea moderate. Spoke str Princess Royal, 10.15 a.m., off Kiwash Island, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. E., light; 30.06; 32; sea moderate.

Ikeda Bay—Snow; S. E., strong; 29.54; 34; sea rough.

Prince Rupert—Clear; E.; 29.94; 35; sea moderate.

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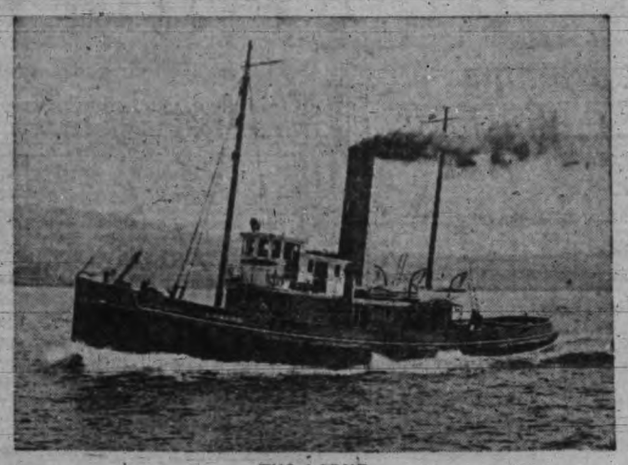

TUG LORNE

The G. T. P. tugboat Lorne, Capt. Frank Johnson, has sailed for the North on her initial trip in the new transfer barge service which the company is inaugurating between Prince Rupert and the Queen Charlotte Islands.

In her day the Lorne was perhaps the most famous tugboat that ever breasted the seas outside of Cape Flattery. Victoria was her home port for many years and few masters are better known than Capt. Melville Cutler, who was the last skipper to have command of her.

About three years ago the Lorne was wrecked on an outlying reef of the San Juan Islands, while towing the barge America, and although subsequently salved, the craft was so badly battered that it was deemed inadvisable by her owners to refit her for service. Up to a few months ago the Lorne lay at Eagle Harbor, when the G. T. P. purchased the vessel and rebuilt her for the northern trade.

CANADIAN MERCHANT SERVICE GUILD IS FORMED BY SEAFARERS

Practically Every Certificated Officer Plying Out of B. C. Ports Joins Organization

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—An important meeting was held at the Imperial Block last night, at which the Canadian Merchant Service Guild was formed. This comprises practically every certificated officer going to sea out of British Columbia ports, and the society will work in conjunction with the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, which includes almost every master and mate in the British merchantile marine. The Canadian guild will be a nation-wide affair, and branches are in process of formation at Great Lake ports and on the Atlantic seaboard.

So successful has the organization work been that new and permanent quarters are to be secured and the members hope the formation of the guild will make for more harmonious relations between steamship owners and their officers.

Captain R. A. Batchelor, a Vancouver pilot, is the president, and there is a vice-president for each port with over ten members. The following vice-presidents were elected last night: Vancouver—Captain J. Edwards. New Westminster—Captain C. H. House. Victoria—Captain J. H. Whitley. Prince Rupert—Captain D. W. Peck.

The board of management is composed of a representative from each class of seafarers in the organization and consists of Captain S. H. Ormiston (passenger boats), Captain J. C. Foste (pilots), Captain Thomas Cliff (freight steamers), Captain R. W. McNeill (tugboats), Captain Charles E. Prince (fishing craft), and Captain Wm. Best, government vessels.

SHIPYARD WORKERS SAY NOTHING TO ARBITRATE

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—Vancouver shipyard workers have no official knowledge of the proposal to appoint a board of inquiry under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, according to Duncan McCallum, president of the B. C. Federation of Labor and business agent of the machinists' union. Questioned as to how the men would receive the suggestion, Mr. McCallum said he did not think it would be entertained. Negotiations had reached a stage where the men felt there was nothing left to arbitrate.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of February, 1918:

	Sunrise Hour	Sunrise Min.	Sunset Hour	Sunset Min.
Feb. 1	7	44	5	10
Feb. 2	7	43	5	11
Feb. 3	7	41	5	13
Feb. 4	7	39	5	15
Feb. 5	7	37	5	17
Feb. 6	7	36	5	18
Feb. 7	7	34	5	20
Feb. 8	7	33	5	22
Feb. 9	7	31	5	24
Feb. 10	7	29	5	26
Feb. 11	7	27	5	27
Feb. 12	7	26	5	29
Feb. 13	7	24	5	31
Feb. 14	7	23	5	32
Feb. 15	7	21	5	34
Feb. 16	7	19	5	35
Feb. 17	7	17	5	36
Feb. 18	7	16	5	38
Feb. 19	7	14	5	39
Feb. 20	7	12	5	41
Feb. 21	7	11	5	42
Feb. 22	7	09	5	44
Feb. 23	7	07	5	46
Feb. 24	7	05	5	47
Feb. 25	7	03	5	49
Feb. 26	7	01	5	51
Feb. 27	6	59	5	53
Feb. 28	6	57	5	55

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12.45 p. m., to the top at 12.55 p. m., and will be dropped at 1 p. m. daily.

TIDE TABLE.

February.

Date.	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.
1	....	..	6:42	8.5	13:33	5.5	18:52	6.2
2	....	..	.. ..	..	7:01	8.6	14:33	5.0
3	....	..	.. ..	..	7:15	8.7	15:30	4.4
4	....	..	.. ..	..	7:26	8.9	16:22	3.8
5	....	..	.. ..	..	7:38	9.2	17:11	3.2
6	....	..	.. ..	..	8:07	9.3	17:56	2.6
7	....	..	.. ..	..	9:10	9.4	18:38	2.0
8	....	..	.. ..	..	10:26	9.4	19:19	1.6
9	....	..	5:13	8.2	7.07	8.2	11:46	9.3	19:59	1.4
10	....	..	4:44	8.0	8:01	7.5	12:56	9.2	20:38	1.6
11	....	..	4:20	8.1	8:51	6.8	13:58	9.0	21:17	2.0
12	....	..	4:30	8.2	9:42	6.0	14:58	8.6	21:57	2.7
13	....	..	4:49	8.4	10:36	5.2	16:02	8.0	22:38	3.6
14	....	..	5:18	8.6	11:32	4.5	17:18	7.4	23:18	4.7
15	....	..	5:49	8.8	12:32	3.9	18:36	6.9	23:56	5.7
16	....	..	6:21	9.0	13:36	3.4	21:20	6.8	.. ..	..
17	....	..	0:25	6.7	6:52	9.1	14:40	3.0	.. ..	..
18	....	..	.. ..	..	7:20	9.1	15:43	2.7	.. ..	..
19	....	..	.. ..	..	7:43	9.1	16:42	2.6	.. ..	..
20	....	..	.. ..	..	8:06	8.9	17:38	2.5	.. ..	..
21	....	..	4:06	8.7	8:13	8.6	9:45	8.6	18:31	2.5
22	....	..	4:18	8.6	8:06	8.2	11:06	8.3	19:18	2.6
23	....	..	4:32	8.5	8:29	7.6	12:16	8.1	19:59	2.8
24	....	..	4:44	8.2	8:53	7.0	13:14	7.9	20:36	3.2
25	....	..	4:26	7.9	9:19	6.4	14:08	7.7	21:07	3.6
26	....	..	4:10	7.9	9:49	5.9	14:59	7.4	21:36	4.1
27	....	..	4:20	8.0	10:25	5.4	15:50	7.3	22:09	4.7
28	....	..	4:32	8.1	11:06	4.9	16:44	6.9	22:28	5.2

The time used is Pacific standard, for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower low water.

PILOTAGE SYSTEM NOW BEING PROBED

Testifying Before Commission at Halifax Capt. Hannan Says Pilots Handicapped

Halifax, Feb. 15.—Capt. Hannan, master of the Royal Mail Packet steamship Chignecto, testifying before the Robb commission investigating the pilotage system here, said that he considered the Halifax pilots very capable but handicapped in having pilot schooners instead of a pilot steamer. Capt. Hannan said that he had always been able to get a pilot when entering the harbor, but not always at what he understood was the regular pilot station at the harbor mouth. Capt. Hannan, questioned as to what he considered to be the pilot's measure of responsibility on board ships, said that the pilot was only in an advisory capacity and that the responsibility for navigating always lies with the master. On this point Chairman Robb disagreed with him, saying that if the law compelled a master to take a pilot the master was relieved of responsibility.

James Chrichton, secretary of the Halifax Pilotage Board, explaining a statement submitted to the investigating commission, said that certain advances to pilots, might be so far as he knew, gratuities to masters or others. He had heard no complaints from pilots as to giving gratuities to masters or anybody else. Capt. Bale, of the Robb commission, announced an interim of twenty-three years lapsing between the pilotage minutes and minute books submitted.

JANUARY WAS VERY QUIET MONTH AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

The past month was rather a quiet one at the Connaught Seamen's Institute, according to the report of the port missionary. This is accounted for by the small number of British vessels touching here during the period. Mention is made in the report of the transfer of Vice-Admiral W. O. Story, R. N., to Halifax. Every success in his new appointment is wished the Admiral, who took a great interest in the Naval Institute and helped to make the institution such a success. The port missionary regrets to report much sickness among the "boys" and to record four deaths: Henry Evans, of H. M. C. S. Rainbow; Charles Henson, of the auxiliary schooner Mabel Brown; F. C. Winterburn, chief engineer of the steamer Quadra, and Harold Pellett.

On New Year's Day the boys bound home were entertained at the Royal Naval Institute, Esquimalt, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The Navy League Chapter of the I. O. D. E. entertained the wives and children of the men of the Canadian naval forces. The daughters of St. George and the Voluntary Service Corps provided two entertainments for the boys during the month. The boys themselves have formed a committee to manage their social evenings, and what profit is made will be used for the good of the Institute.

The James Bay Social Club last month handed over to the James Bay branch of the Red Cross a cheque for $10, and to the Sailors' Institute one for $25. During the month of January 750 boys visited the Sailors' Club, which since its opening has been visited by 2,227 sailor lads.

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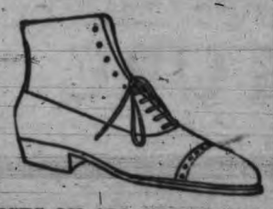

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SPORTS of VICTORIA THE NORTHWEST AND THE WORLD

FURTHER DETAILS OF DURACK VISIT BEFORE DIRECTORS

Monday's Meeting of V. I. A. A. Will Have Special Business to Consider

When the Board of Directors of the Victoria and Island Athletic Association meet at the offices of the Empire Realty Company on Monday evening they will have definite figures to deal with so far as the contemplated visit of Fanny Durack, the world-famed Australian swimmer, is concerned. W. H. Davies, who has been in communication with William Unmack, of San Francisco, who is arranging all details in connection with the swimmer's tour, received a letter yesterday from the promoter stating that he would schedule August 3 for Victoria on the Durack route. Mr. Unmack mentions also as an alternate date August 10. He further points out that the Australian liner that will carry Miss Durack home leaves this port on or about August 14.

One of the special matters that Monday's meeting of the directors will have to decide is how many days before the big Pacific Northwest swimming meet the club desires that Miss Durack should arrive. It is altogether probable that the directors will endeavor to make arrangements to have the Australian here for about five days prior to the swimming event. As soon as definite arrangements are made Mr. Unmack will settle his schedule dates with Portland and Seattle in such a manner as not to conflict with her appearance in this city. Mr. Unmack states in his letter that he will arrange for two of San Francisco's best girl swimmers to come north with Miss Durack. He also hints at the possibility of being able to substitute for one of these girls, one of the Eastern American champions, with whom he is now negotiating. The writer concludes with the statement, "In any event whoever I am able to send, you can depend they will be worth while.'"

Other matters of importance will also be considered at Monday's meeting among them being the preliminary details for a Victoria Day sports celebration, and the consideration of certain forms of salt water swimming baths for the city.

PITCHER IS SOLD.

New York, Feb. 15.—John Enzmann, a right-hand pitcher, has been sold by Newark, of the International League to the Cleveland Americans, it was announced.

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To-morrow's Programme For Sport Enthusiasts

PEDEN CUP SEMI-FINAL

V. I. A. A. vs. E. M. C. H., at Royal Athletic Park, 2.45; referee, Lockley.

INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

Crusaders vs. Reformed Episcopals, at Y. M. C. A., at 7.30 o'clock.

Presbyterian B vs. Centennials, at Y. M. C. A.

PORTLAND AND THE METROPOLITANS IN FORM FOR TO-NIGHT

Muldoon Read the Riot Act to the Boys and Expects Results

Portland, Ore., Feb. 15.—Lester Patrick and his speed merchants from Seattle will pit their strength against the Portland Rosebuds to-night, and a new team is likely to go up against the visitors. Manager Muldoon read the riot act to the boys, and as a result they worked overtime practicing, and when they sauntered to the showers they showed the effects of their workout. The team is in great shape for their clash with the Mets, and if Muldoon's boys get any breaks in their luck they will give Patrick's champions a hard tussle.

Tommy Dunderdale is going great guns. The speedy and peppery centre is said to have played a wonderful game against Vancouver in the Canadian city Monday night. According to Manager Muldoon and the members of the team, they never saw Tommy show to better advantage. The only trouble with Tommy is his over-anxiety, which results in a mixup and he is ruled off the ice.

Manager Muldoon said that the Rosebuds had been pursued by the jinx long enough, and that the boys would endeavor to shake it off onto Seattle to-night.

"We have tried shift after shift in the lineup, and still we can't seem to get the breaks in the luck," said Pete.

Seattle, Feb. 15.—Off for Portland, where they play the Rosebuds to-day, Manager Lester Patrick and his world's champions expressed confidence last night that they would keep up their winning streak. Despite the hard game with Vancouver Wednesday, the team, from goalie to centre, is in excellent condition. Frank Foyston's ankle has caused the Seattle leaders a little trouble, but the speedy rover's sore limb is healing rapidly, and he is going as fast as ever.

Patrick is not expecting any easy time of it down south. The Buds are a tough lot of customers on their own ice, and the locals are expecting Pete Muldoon and his crowd to give them a hard scrap. While not as rested as their opponents, Patrick thinks his lads have it on the Southerners, and fully expects them to finish in front.

SOCCER OFFICIALS RESIGN POSITIONS ON VANCOUVER BODY

At a meeting of the Vancouver and District Soccer League, Joe Barlow definitely announced that he would not reconsider his resignation from the president's chair, while the resignation of Vice-President Bruce was accepted by the delegates in attendance. This leaves Secretary Spence alone holding an official position. Jack Russell was appointed acting president until a successor to the proxy and vice-president could be found. Mr. Forgie, father of Bob Forgie, who is overseas, and Mr. Munro, at one time connected with the old City United Club, will be approached by the delegates, for the positions.

Provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with the B. C. F. A. and financially, a Vancouver team will play Seattle on February 23 and will also engage the activities of the Camp Lewis military team.

The Longshoremen's Club, in a letter to the league, stated that the delegate, McLoughlin, had their full confidence and that in his statements to the league at the last meeting, when he informed the league that no I. L. A. player would be available for the Seattle game, with the possible exception of Smith and McLean, he acted with the knowledge of the club. The delegates therefore could take no cognizance of the protests of the individual players of the team. The team as selected for Seattle therefore stands.

WOOD MAKES A MARK.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Yesterday the two Saskatoon rinks, skipped by Woolhouse and Bruce, won their games in the 1 o'clock draw of the Sir John Eaton competition—a closed event for visitors. Ross, of Regina, won from Thomson, Swan River, eleven to six in the 1 o'clock draw of the Purity Flour, but at 4 o'clock was knocked out of the event by Wood, of Winnipeg Granites, ten to nine. Low, of Regina, was beaten twelve to five by Jamieson, Winnipeg Thistles, in the 4 o'clock draw of the Walker Theatre.

ROSS RELEASED.

New York, Feb. 15.—The New York Americans announced yesterday that Samuel Ross, pitcher and Everett Bankston, outfielder, had been released to the Memphis Club, of the Southern League.

TEAMS THAT WILL PLAY TO-MORROW'S CONTEST

V. I. A. A. — Jelliman; Elliot, Brown; Moulton, Ferris, Menzies; Lomas, Stott, McGregor, Knight, Campbell; reserves, Daniels, Fletcher, Baker.

E. M. C. H.—Welsh; McAdam, Gomm; Bowers, Pitts, Moncur; Tipper, A. N. Other, Townsend, Bloom, Kroeger.

STANDING OF LEADERS IN OPEN TEAM EVENT MARKS NO CHANGES

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—With the conclusion of the five-man open team event of the bowling tournament last night the standing of the leaders remained unchanged, the Mineralites, of Chicago, landing first money. There was only one change in the open doubles, Gile and Cancilla, of Winnipeg, rolling into fourth place with a total of 1,124, replacing Workman and Keller, of Brandon, who are fifth with 1,102. There were two changes in the singles, Parrish, of Winnipeg, rolling into first place with 681, and Rothschild, also of Winnipeg, coming second with 619. Thomas, Bruck and Marino, all of Chicago, are third, fourth and fifth, respectively, with 604, 660 and 586.

COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE

P. C. H. A. Standing.

	Won	Lost	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Seattle	7	4	43	37	.637
Vancouver	6	6	40	43	.500
Portland	4	7	37	40	.334

Next match to-night, Seattle at Portland.

Individual Scoring Records.

	Gms.	Gls.	Asts.	Pts.
Taylor, Vancouver	12	20	6	26
Morris, Seattle	11	13	8	21
Roberts, Seattle	11	16	2	18
Dunderdale, Portland	11	9	3	12
Tobin, Portland	11	10	1	11
Mackay, Vancouver	12	6	5	11
Harris, Portland	8	5	6	11
Oatman, Portland	11	6	4	10
McDonald, Vancouver	12	3	6	9
Foyston, Seattle	6	4	4	8
Wilson, Seattle	11	5	3	8
Stanley, Vancouver	12	4	3	7
Patrick, Seattle	9	1	5	6
Johnson, Portland	7	3	2	5
Cook, Vancouver	12	3	2	5
Harbour, Portland	10	2	2	4
Rowe, Seattle	11	2	2	4
Moynes, Vancouver	12	3	1	4
Riley, Seattle	11	2	2	4
Rickey, Seattle	11	0	3	3
Griffis, Vancouver	5	1	2	3
Loughlin, Portland	11	2	0	2
Totals		120	71	191

NELS NELSEN BREAKS CANADIAN RECORD AT SKI JUMPING MEET

Revelstoke, Feb. 15.—Nels Nelsen broke the Canadian record for ski jumping here by six inches, making the phenomenal jump of 147 feet 6 inches. He also made a jump of 161 feet, but sustained a knockout fall. Nils Wilman, of the Edmonton Ski Club, jumped 141.6 feet, and L. Larsen, of the Rossland Ski Club, jumped 132 feet.

In the boy events, Pat Skene won the class B jump in 52 feet, winning the silver cup, and Ted Gordon won the class D and C jump in 64 feet, winning the gold medal.

The seven-mile ski race was won by F. Gunderson, of Revelstoke, in 1 hour 6 minutes and 40 seconds. The three-mile race was won by Pat Skene, Revelstoke, in 29 minutes and 30 seconds.

In the evening the club held a monster ball which filled two of the largest halls in the city to capacity.

More than 2,000 people witnessed the events on the hill. It was conceded to be the greatest ski jumping event ever held in Canada.

YPRES DEFEATED THE SOMMES IN MILITARY HOCKEY LAST NIGHT

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—By a one goal margin, secured by a lone rush of Alex. Irvin's in the last few minutes of play, the Ypres managed to win from the Sommes last night and maintained their prestige as champions of the Winnipeg Military Hockey League, the score being seven to six. It was apparently all Somme in the first half, for the only sign of scoring by Ypres was a dash by Dick Irvin which saved them from a blank, the Sommes getting goals. The team that won this game will be the same in the Allan Cup series with the sole exception of Dick Irvin, who is ineligible outside the closed league.

BOXING MEET MADE HUGE SUM FOR THE RED CROSS SOCIETY

It will long remain a pleasant recollection in the minds of those Victorians who took part in the Red Cross boxing tournament of the Olympic Club, of San Francisco, that they had a share in raising the gross proceeds totalling $12,235.40, a cheque for which amount was recently handed by the president of the Olympic Club to the 'Frisco Chapter of the American Red Cross Society.

BASEBALL WILL NOW COST MORE MONEY IN MAJOR LEAGUES

Both American and National Circuits Forced to Raise the Price

New York, Feb. 15.—A uniform schedule of admission prices to the major league baseball parks during the period of the war was agreed upon yesterday by a joint committee appointed for that purpose by the presidents of the National and American Leagues. The results of their deliberations was announced at the close of the annual schedule meeting of the American League last night. Including the 10 per cent. war tax the list of prices will be as follows: Twenty-five-cent seats, 30 cents each; 50-cent seats, 55 cents; 75-cent seats, 85 cents; $1 and $1.25 box seats, $1.10 and $1.40, respectively.

Avoids Trouble.

These prices were adopted to avoid the trouble and delay which would be caused by making change in pennies. The excess charges over the amount of the regular war tax of 10 per cent. on the 25c. and 75c. admissions and the $1.25 box seats may be retained or given to charity at the discretion of the individual clubs.

The playing schedule of 154 games for the 1918 season was adopted at the American League session, and it was announced that owing to the difficulty in obtaining drill sergeants, there would be no military drilling exercises for the players the coming season.

President Frazee, of the Boston Red Sox, and Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics, were in consultation for a long time regarding the players which the Boston Club is to give in return for the services of First Baseman McInnis. Four players are to be sent to Philadelphia, but at the end of the conference no definite arrangement had been made and it looked as if the Boston management would have to purchase them in order to complete the deal.

Henry Is Sold.

Clark Griffith, having obtained the necessary waivers on Catcher John Henry, of the Washington Club, sold him outright to the Boston Nationals. The Cleveland Americans bought Pitcher John Enzmann from the Newark Internationals. The only other deal made known during the day was the release of Pitcher Sam Ross and Outfielder Everett Bankston by the New York Americans to the Southern Association Club at Memphis, Tenn.

Committees from the American and National Leagues will meet here to-day for the final adjustment of affairs with the representatives of the Pittsburg, Newark and Brooklyn Federal League Clubs.

JACK DEMPSEY GAVE JIM FLYNN THE K. O. IN SECOND MINUTE

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Jack Dempsey knocked out Jim Flynn in less than the first two minutes of what was scheduled as a ten-round bout at Fort Sheridan last night. Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, has announced that he is ready to meet the winner of a bout between Dempsey and Fred Fulton in a fight for the championship.

Dempsey forced the fighting from the start, a series of left and right blows to the head driving his opponent into the ropes. The knockout came exactly one minute and ten seconds after the match began, when Dempsey landed a terrific left hook to the jaw which knocked the veteran clear through the ropes and into the crowd.

Dempsey, the victor in last night's battle, was knocked out by Flynn in the first round of a bout at Salt Lake City a year ago.

LEAGUE SOCCER IS NOW A POSSIBILITY

It was stated this morning that a Jackson Cup soccer match would be played to-morrow afternoon between the Victoria Wests and the C. A. M. C. League officials were able to make no definite announcement regarding the game this morning. Provided the match is played the Wests team will line up as follows: Shandley, Whyte, Copas; Allen, Shakespeare, McLeod; Thomas, T. Peden, J. Peden, Archie McKinnon, Sherratt.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION

New York, Feb. 15.—Restoration of championships which were abandoned last year because of the war will be discussed at the annual meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association here to-day to map out plans for the 1918 season.

Some clubs, it was pointed out by tennis leaders are opposed to championships in war time, but it was expected this opposition would be overcome by the suggestion that all money derived from tournaments be turned over to the War Department's commission on training camp activities to provide athletic facilities for soldiers.

TO MANAGE PORTLAND.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 15.—Judge W. W. McCredie, owner of the Portland Baseball Club, announced yesterday that he had signed William A. Fisher, now managing a team at Pasadena in the Winter League, and that Fisher will manage the Portland team in the Pacific Coast International League. Fisher is a first baseman, and played with Vernon several years ago. Paddy Siglin, who was at first slated to manage the Portland team, will go to the Salt Lake City team in the Coast League, of which Walter McCredie is manager, according to present plans of Judge McCredie. He will sell Siglin to Salt Lake City.

WILL NOT SIGN.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 15.—David Robertson, outfielder of the New York Giant's, has returned his contract unsigned to Manager McGraw, because of a disagreement as to salary. Robertson accepted a position to-day as athletic director at the Norfolk High School, and announced he had quit professional baseball.

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The Clothes we show this week-end are the identical patterns, weaves and cuts that are being displayed in the leading clothing stores of the East. We have brought them here early—a convenience for the man who wants to dress with the season—not behind it.

The Suits—

Well cut, beautifully tailored Business Suits for men of all ages. For the young men we are showing some very smart semi-fitting models, for older men good-looking styles developed on more conservative lines. All qualities guaranteed. Prices:

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The Overcoats—

New Donegal Tweeds and light fancy patterns, made in slip-on and plain Chesterfield styles. For the man who prefers a belted model there is a fine selection here. Prices:

$25, $30 and $35

—and Other Items

Hats—A wide range of block and color is presented in our Hat-rack display. Hats by the foremost makers, at prices from

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The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 15.—5 a. m.—A cold wave has spread southward over this Province and sharp frosts will extend to California. Zero temperatures prevail in Cariboo, and in the prairie provinces the temperature ranges from 10 to 20 below.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 31; wind, 8 miles N.; snow, .2; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 30; wind, 6 miles E.; snow, .2; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 24; minimum, 14; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 12; minimum, 6 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, minimum yesterday, 16; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .08; weather, fair.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .01; weather, fair.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, .06; weather, clear.

Temperature.

	Max.	Min.
Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)	32	..
Penticton	33	..
Cranbrook	29	..
Nelson	32	..
Grand Forks	35	..
Calgary	0	—16
Edmonton	—6	—28
Qu'Appelle	—2	—10
Winnipeg	—4	—18
Toronto	40	..
Ottawa	36	..
Montreal	36	..
St. John	40	..
Halifax	40	..

The first poem a New York woman wrote and had published caused her arrest, following which came her release on $1,000 bail. The Brooklyn Eagle says that "thousands of poets before her deserved as much, but somehow they managed to escape."

LAND REGISTRY ACT

Section 34.

In the Matter of Part of Sub Lot One, Fernwood Estate, Victoria City, Map 85.

Proof having been filed of the loss of Certificate of Title No. 18063A, issued to Thomas Sinclair Gore on the 11th day of July, 1894, I hereby give notice of my intention, at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof, to issue to the said Thomas Sinclair Gore a fresh Certificate of Title in lieu thereof.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., this 29th day of December, 1917.

J. C. GWYNN, Registrar-General of Titles.

LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

VICTORIA TAXPAYERS

ORDER RE TAX PAYMENTS

I am authorized by the City Council to accept payments by instalments or by payments from time to time on account, of the rates and taxes due by any person, or due in respect of any parcel of land.

This authority is extended to include unpaid special assessments and special rates imposed in respect of works of local improvement as provided by Section 43 of the Local Improvement Act.

EDWIN C. SMITH

Treasurer and Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.

City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 4th February, 1918.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

Notice Under Section 36.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Elsie Munro as the owner in Fee-simple, under a Tax Sale Deed from the Collector of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt to Elsie Munro, bearing date the 26th day of November, A.D. 1917, in pursuance of a Tax Sale held by said Collector on or about the 1st day of September, 1916, of all and singular certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the District of Esquimalt, in the Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as: Lot 9, of part of Suburban Lot 51, Map 61A.

You and those claiming through or under you, and all persons claiming any interest in the said land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act" are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within 30 days of the service of this notice upon you. Otherwise you and each of you will be for ever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land, and I shall register the said Elsie Munro as owner in fee.

I direct that service of this notice may be made by publication in The Victoria Daily Times twelve consecutive issues.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, at the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of November, A.D. 1917.

J. C. GWYNN, Registrar-General.

To G. H. Stewart Esq., Assessed Owner.

UTILIZE TIMES WANT ADS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the Matter of the Winding-Up Act and In the Matter of Finchs, Limited.

Notice is hereby given that by order of the Honorable Mr. Justice Gregory, dated the 14th day of January, 1918, a meeting of the Creditors of the abovenamed Company will be held on Monday, the 25th day of February, 1918, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of H. E. A. Courtney, 232-233 Pemberton Building, Fort Street, Victoria, B. C., for the purpose of nominating the Official Liquidator of the said Company.

And notice is further given that, by the same authority, a meeting of the Contributors of the said Company will be held on the said 25th day of February, 1918, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the same place for the same purpose.

And notice is further given that by the same authority a meeting of the Shareholders of the said Company will be held on the said 25th day of February, 1918, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the same place, for the same purpose.

And notice is further given that Monday, the 4th day of March, 1918, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, before the presiding Judge of the Supreme Court, in Chambers at the Court House, in the City of Victoria, B. C., has been appointed as the time and place for the appointment of such official liquidator.

The Creditors of the said Finchs, Limited, are further notified that, pursuant to the said order dated the 14th day of January, 1918, that all claims against the said Company must be duly verified by statutory declaration, showing the security held in respect thereof and filed with Charles Edward Cox, of the City of Victoria, B. C., Accountant, the provisional liquidator, before the said 25th day of February, 1918.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 16th day of January, 1918.

H. E. A. COURTNEY, Solicitor for the Provisional Liquidator. 232-233 Pemberton Building, Victoria, B. C.

Vacant Lot Cultivation

A meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10.30 a.m., Saturday, 16th inst., to organize 1918 Vacant Lot and Backyard Cultivation Campaign.

All citizens interested in this patriotic work are invited to attend.

ALDERMAN W. J. SARGENT, Chairman, Increased Production Committee.

E. W. BRADLEY, Secretary, Increased Production Committee.

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Help Wanted—Male

DIGGONISMS—"If man were so constituted that he could put himself on the back gracefully, or kick himself effectually, he would spend most of his spare time doing one or the other." Diggon Printing Co., 706 Yates Street. The writing paper specialty shop. f15-8

WANTED—Boy, for delivery. Apply 1606 Stanley, or Phone 756. f16-8

WANTED—Marine fireman, with experience on small boats, for freighter. Apply 1218 Government Street. f15-8

WANTED—Reliable youth, age about sixteen, to work on small ranch near city. Box 95, Times. f18-8

WANTED—Four strong boys. Apply British America Paint Co., Ltd. f15-8

WANTED—A delivery man. Apply Standard Steam Laundry, 841 View St. f15-8

WANTED—Platen press feeder. Apply The Diggon Printing Co., 706 Yates St. f16-8

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WANTED—Smart girl, willing to learn waiting. P. O. Box 958. f18-9

SALESWOMEN wanted for Dollar Day. Gordons, Limited. f18-9

COMFORTABLE HOME for middle-aged woman, to assist with children and house duties. Apply Mrs. Mason, 1013 Hillside Avenue. f18-9

WANTED—Girl for general house work in small family. Phone 3976R. Mrs. D. D. McTavish, 1032 Pendergast Street. f16-9

WANTED—Mother's help; references. 1141 Rockland Ave. Phone 3219X. f18-9

WANTED—Girl, for general office work; one used to the retail grocery trade preferred. Apply Box 48, City. 9

CAPABLE BUSINESS LADY desires position. Apply 15, Times. f20-9

Situations Wanted—Male

A TEAMSTER, with good heavy team, wants work. Phone 2851R. f16-10

ON HING & BRO., 552 Fisgard Street. Chinese Employment Agency. Prompt service. Phone 387. 19

Situations Wanted—Female

WOMAN of 34 seeks occupation as nursery governess or companion to old lady. Hart, Marigold P. O., B. C. f18-11

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WANTED—Dressmaking or sewing of any kind, reasonable terms. Apply 611 Superior Street. f16-11

WANTED—Young lady wants position as bookkeeper and stenographer, thoroughly experienced; six years in last place; references. Address, stating salary, Box 556, Times. f15-11

EXPERIENCED WOMAN, 34, wishes to take charge of house and children for widower; good references. Hart, Marigold P. O., B. C. f18-11

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WANTED—Room and board by young lady, within walking distance from Post Office. Box 117, Times. f13-24

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THE GAELIC SOCIETY will meet on Monday, the 18th, in the Foresters' Hall, at 8 p. m. Prof. M. Macleod, the noted Gaelic scholar, late of Ottawa, has kindly consented to give a Gaelic lecture on the Highlands of Scotland. A good attendance of members and friends is desired. f16-50

CANADIAN GIRL GUIDES CORPS—The Victoria and Gordon Head Companies will give a display of Guides at work (in aid of the Belgian orphans) on Saturday, February 16, at 3 p. m., in the Headquarters, corner Mason and Quadra Streets. Admission ten cents. f15-50

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MUGGINS' SON TO COLLECT

Flower Guild Plans Renewed Activities Behalf of Returned Soldiers; Invite Major Owen.

Victorians may shortly have an opportunity to hear Major the Rev. C. C. Owen, who has just returned to Vancouver on leave from the front, if the present plans of the Flower Guild mature. This body of patriotic workers, which has of necessity been somewhat dormant during the winter months, is planning for renewed activities in the near future on behalf of the Returned Soldiers' Fund, and the programme is to include a mass meeting to be addressed by Major A. P. Proctor, and it is hoped by Major Owen as well, an invitation having been sent to the latter officer to-day.

An endeavor is also to be made to raise money for the returned soldiers through the medium of "Vimy Ridge," the son of Muggins. This small pup has already evinced his intention of "following in father's footsteps" and is a beautiful little creature.

As soon as the weather is fit, he will take up his station at some point of advantage with a collecting box. For this purpose half a dozen young girls who will volunteer their services are needed, each to assume charge of the puppy in his perambulations on behalf of the fund for one afternoon a week.

"Vimy Ridge" is yet too small to take up his perch on a table so will have to be on a leash. Would-be volunteers are requested to communicate with the Rev. A. deB. Owen.

A Fight for Life

It has been fight or die for many of us in the past and the lucky people are those who have suffered, but who are now well because they heeded nature's warning signal in time to correct their trouble with that wonderful new discovery of Dr. Pierce's, called "An-u-ric." You should promptly heed these warnings, some of which are dizzy spells, backache, irregularity of the urine or the painful twinges of rheumatism, sciatica or lumbago. To delay may make possible the dangerous forms of kidney disease, such as diabetes or stone in bladder.

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BORN

DAVIS—On Feb. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis, 135 Wildwood Avenue, a daughter. Both doing well.

DIED

LACEY—At Royal Jubilee Hospital, February 13, 1918, Henry Lacey, of 1246 Chapman Street, aged 71 years.

Funeral Friday, 2 p. m., from Sands Funeral Parlors. Interment Ross Bay Cemetery.
(Lindsay and Toronto papers please copy.)

PTE. FRANK MELLOR RETURNS FROM FRANCE

Tells How Victoria General Took Passchendaele After Others Failed

A painter before Christmas Day, 1915, leaving the city to go overseas with the First Pioneers, Pte. Frank Mellor, who returned yesterday to his wife and family at Glanford Avenue on furlough from the front, has spent eighteen of the intervening months as groom, his particular duty being to look after the horses of Lieut.-General Currie, Canadian Corps Commander.

He kept that job until December 17 last, and, seeing General Currie most frequently during the whole of the time, is in a first-class position to speak authoritatively of the General's health. When Mellor left France General Currie told him he "never felt better in his life," and Mellor is satisfied the corps commander is in the best of health.

Big In Everything.

"General Currie is big in size, big in ideas, big in everything," said Mellor, "and he has never failed to take any objective he has set out to secure." Alluding to Hill 70, at Lens, he stated Lens was reckoned one of the hardest nuts to crack, but the Canadians took it easily and with few casualties, everybody who was in a position to have any opinion on the operations knowing that the whole objective was carried out on General Currie's own initiative.

Passchendaele, too, was another hard nut and previously, several divisions of Imperial troops (including the Guards) and also Australians, had failed to win it. "But inside of six weeks," says Mellor, "the Canadians under General Currie made and carried out their preparations and took Passchendaele."

Pte. Mellor was with the boys at Messines until June, 1916, when he was sent to a convalescent camp to recover from some hard knocks, on leaving which he went to divisional headquarters as staff orderly for a month. When the division started for the Somme he took over the job of groom to General Currie, who, he says, has several horses, and would much like to get out and ride them, but does not get the time to do so.

When the Canadians left the Somme Mellor went with them, and "did his bit" with them while they were fighting at Vimy Ridge, Lens, Passchendaele, until leaving on furlough in December. It is probable he will not return to the front.

RED CROSS BENEFIT

Entertainment at Avenue Theatre Realizes Over Forty Dollars.

A very successful show for the benefit of the Oak Bay Red Cross Society was held last evening at the Avenue Theatre, Oak Bay, when over forty dollars was raised for the work of the organization.

A very interesting part of last evening's programme was the showing of a series of red cross slides by A. J. Dallain. The pictures showed much of the work that the Red Cross Society is engaged in at the present time. The lantern was operated by the Rev. C. R. Littler.

The vaudeville programme which was under the management of Mrs. L. T. Davis was excellently received. The following where those who took part: Misses Bara Campbell, Cathlene Redgrace, Agnes Robertson, C. Heyland, Dorothy Switzer, Mona Rickaby, Dorothy Robertson, Doris Bagshaw, Gertrude Muir, Lillian Holden, B. Heyland and Mr. J. P. H. Rickaby. Mrs. Muir acted as accompanist.

As there were no expenses connected with the event the entire proceeds will be expended in Red Cross work.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral took place yesterday morning at 10.45 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel and at 11 o'clock from St. Andrew's Cathedral of Francis John and Raynold James Young, the two-month-old twins of Mr. and Mrs. John Young, of 1277 Oscar Street. The Rev. Father Leterme officiated.

PLENTY.

There's plenty of coal in the country,
I say with a sorrowful grin,
There's plenty of coal in the country,
But nary a pound in the bin.

DISCRIMINATION AT A COLORED CITIZEN

Pioneer's Grandson Faces Jail as Deserter; a Remarkable Story

Five attempts to be received into the Canadian Expeditionary Force having failed, on account of the color line being drawn against him, Roy Sylvester Carter, a native son of Victoria, applied to Magistrate Jay to-day in the company of his father, George Carter, for advice in the position in which he finds himself under the Military Service Act.

A Remarkable Case.

As stated by Carter in the press, after various attempts to be taken on under the voluntary system, being declined both in British Columbia and in Saskatchewan, he registered under the Act, and claimed exemption on the ground of the repeated refusals on account of his color. He passed A 2, and was turned down by the exemption tribunal. Judge Lampman wrote and explained his particular case to the authorities, and the result is the curt intimation that he must go and be a conscript.

This alternative Carter naturally objects to accept, and as the time expired at noon to-day, he desired to know from the Magistrate what position he would be in, owing to being subject to arrest.

Extended Two Weeks.

The situation was gone into very fully this morning, in the presence of the Assistant Provost-Marshal, Captain Tweedale, the boy's father making a strong appeal under the exceptional circumstances.

The upshot was that the military authorities extended the time two weeks for the purpose of another communication with Ottawa.

Family Were Pioneers.

The Carters are among the best known colored people in Victoria, the boy's grandfather, Paris Carter, being one of the original colored Californians who came to Victoria in 1859, and were admitted to the British citizenship next year. His name appears in the roster of the first fifty-four admitted. Since that time the family has resided here.

Race Prejudice.

Owing to race prejudice in California during the mining days, a delegation of three colored men, one of whom was the celebrated M. W. Gibbs, came here to see Governor Douglas and returned with a favorable report. Edgar Fawcett, in his reminiscences says as a result "eight hundred colored persons emigrated to Victoria during 1858 and 1859."

That undertaking of Sir James Douglas has not been violated until today. The line has not been drawn in the schools nor in any public office, men of African descent having occupied seats on the City Council and on other public bodies.

DIED IN HOSPITAL

Merthyl Luff Collapsed on Street and Rushed to Jubilee.

The death occurred at the Royal Jubilee Hospital yesterday afternoon of Merthyl Luff, lately residing at 2,842 Douglas Street. The unfortunate man was found on the street in a state of collapse by Sergt. Fry and Constable Adamson, who summoned a doctor. Medical examination revealed the serious illness of the man and he was hurried to hospital in the ambulance, in charge of Constable Littlefield, but died almost immediately after reaching the institution. As far as can be ascertained at present he had no relatives in the city, and very little is known of him. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Comes Up For Trial.—Before Judge Lampman this afternoon Mrs. Edith Lillian Morris, formerly Stalker, comes up for trial on a charge of stealing articles from a house she rented at Hampshire Road. Evidence for the prosecution showed that in addition to the articles removed to 1119 Melville Street, Vancouver, she had disposed of articles from the Oak Bay residence to Mrs. Dickie and Mrs. Wingate.

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ORGANIZE TO-MORROW

The Increased Production Committee will meet at the City Hall at 10.30 to-morrow for the purpose of organizing for the 1918 campaign. Committees will be appointed, and a vigorous propaganda inaugurated.

MINISTER OF FINANCE REPLIES TO A LETTER

Hon. John Hart Reminds Critic of Facts in Public Accounts

The attention of the Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, has been called to a letter in Wednesday's issue of The Times over the signature of H. B. Wingate White, in which the writer refers to the figures in the Balance Sheet as presented in the Provincial Public Accounts for the 1916-1917 period.

In his reference to the items of expenditure Mr. White comments thus: "Almost as bad as the day when Bowser reigned." The Hon. John Hart pointed out to a representative of The Times this morning that the estimates for expenditure during the period covered by the accounts in question were framed by the late administration, so that as far as the Public Accounts are concerned they naturally had to show the expenditure under the same headings.

Over $2,000,000 Less.

The Minister further drew attention to the fact that where the estimates called for an expenditure of $11,824,376, the actual expenditure, curtailed during the latter part of the period under review, shows an actual outlay for the twelve months of $9,531,740. In this connection it should be remembered that the present Government had control for four months only out of the twelve to which the Public Accounts apply.

The document presented to the Legislature on its opening day by the Minister of Finance is the first in history of the province displaying so complete a statement to the public of the actual financial condition of the province and balance sheet showing her assets and liabilities.

Minister Congratulated.

The Minister has already received a number of congratulatory messages from financiers and business men alike who regard the document's new form of presentation as the adoption of a policy by which it may be possible for the man in the street to know how the province stands financially.

As already mentioned in these columns legislation will be brought in during the present session changing the date of ending of the fiscal year from March 31 to October 31, the alteration to take effect in 1919. The contemplated change will enable the House to discuss the Public Accounts down to a much nearer date to its business session than has hitherto been the case.

RED CROSS WORK

The Red Cross Needs Money.

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Because the more money it gets the more comforts will be furnished, and because the cost of all material for Red Cross supplies is increasing even faster than the cost of living.

Because the demands on the Red Cross at the front for drugs, antiseptics, rubber goods, hospital equipment and other comforts are constantly increasing, requiring more cash for their purchase.

Because the Victoria branch has, as forecasted last September, spent $45,422.59 in the last five months on purchase of material for Red Cross supplies. This is a continuing expense so long as the war lasts, and can only be met by collecting more money. All these accounts are paid, but money must be raised to meet this month's bills and those for every succeeding month.

The Red Cross appeals to every one to contribute, to help the cause by showing a Red Cross card in the front window, and to take a hand in the campaign to add 1,000 life members this month by inducing one or more friends to take out a certificate and wear the pin.

MISDIRECTED ENERGY.

It is, of course, well-known that Sir Douglas Haig is a soldier first, last and all the time, regarding all other professions as of quite negligible importance.

He was, it appears, inspecting a cavalry troop and was particularly struck with the neat way in which repairs had been made in some of the saddles.

"Very good work," he remarked, to the troop sergeant-major. "Who did it?"

"Two of my troopers, sir," was the reply.

"You're fortunate to have two such expert saddlers in your troop," said Haig.

"As a matter of fact, sir," was the reply, "they're not saddlers, in civil life being lawyers."

"Well," ejaculated Sir Douglas, "how men who can do work like that could have wasted their lives over law I can't imagine."—Tit-Bits.

The Y. M. C. A. war work includes urging soldiers to write home. Parents and friends like to hear from the boys at the front. One English soldier who had been two years in the army without writing home, was told by his captain that his mother wanted to hear from him. The young man wrote about his experiences of two years: "Dear Ma:—The war is a blinger. Tell auntie. Alf."

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Walter Luney, a member of the well-known local contracting firm of Luney Bros., has been appointed as superintendent of the Ogden Point assembly plant in succession to the late Henry A. Bayfield. Confirmation of the new appointment was made this morning by R. P. Butchart, director of wooden shipbuilding for the Imperial Munitions Board. The new superintendent in charge of the assembling of machinery in the Government vessels is a man who has had considerable experience in the contracting business in Victoria and vicinity and his appointment to the new post comes with little surprise in view of the fact that he has been prominently identified with the operations at Ogden Point prior to the passing of his predecessor.

The engineering end of the Government undertaking will, as has been the case since the opening of the plant, come under the direct supervision of John Alexander, formerly of the British Columbia Coast Steamship Service.

The plant at Ogden Point is now rapidly being whipped into shape and regular shipments of equipment are arriving preparatory to being assembled. Two of the newly-completed hulls, the War Yukon and War Nootka, are now alongside Pier 2, rapid progress being noted in connection with the installation of the main engines aboard the former. Within a few weeks several vessels will be moored at the fitting-out plant, necessitating the employment of a much larger number of men than are now engaged.

AMERICAN DISCIPLINE.

"The neat and even elegant appearance of the American soldier isn't maintained," said War Secretary Baker, "without hard work. Yes, the work is hard, but doesn't the result more than justify it?

"On the train the other day a private sat with his tunic unbuttoned, for the temperature was high. A sergeant strode up to him and said:

"'Button up that tunic! Did you never hear of by-law 217, subsection D? I'm Sergeant Jabez Winterbottom!'

"A gentleman in the seat behind tapped the sergeant sternly on the shoulder.

"'How dare you issue orders with a pipe in your mouth?' he asked. 'Go home and read paragraph 174, section M, part IX. I am Major Eustace Carroll.'

"Here a gentleman with a drooping white moustache interposed from the other side of the aisle.

"'If Major Carroll,' he said, coldly, 'will consult by-law 21 of section K he will learn that to reprimand a sergeant in the presence of a private is an offence not lightly to be overlooked.'"—Tit-Bits.

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CAR REPAIR PROBLEM IN UNITED STATES

Government Administration Will Do What Railroads Should Have Done

Washington, Feb. 15.—Thousands of crippled freight cars accumulated during the winter because of gross neglect of railroads in making repairs, occupy miles of tracks in Eastern rail centres in the United States, and are largely responsible for the car shortage and traffic congestion, it was shown to-day by reports of Interstate Commerce Commissioner McChord to Railroad Director-General McAdoo.

These reports cover the six-week period since the Government assumed operation of the railroads and indicate that one of the most critical ills of rail transportation under private management in the United States was the side-tracking of cars needing repairs. The transportation division of the railroad administration will undertake to solve the problem of car repair at once in the light of Commissioner McChord's disclosures.

The Pennsylvania Railroad early this week had 6,603 so-called bad order cars which occupied fifty miles of track.

These cars could have been repaired quickly during the winter if the railroads had made proper preparations for covered repair tracks in advance, according to railroad administration officials.

Freight train movement throughout the East has been at the rate of about eight miles an hour or two-thirds normal. To-day's reports of inspectors indicated a slow clearing up of congestion on several eastern trunk lines.

BERLIN PAPERS TALK ABOUT PEACE EFFORT WITH ROUMANIANS

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—Berlin newspapers on Thursday evening intimated that peace negotiations with Roumania were about to be opened. They said that although no official communication had been issued, it might be assumed that Roumanian negotiators who would first discuss a prolongation of the armistice had arrived at a place agreed upon.

325 LAMBS DIED OF INDIGESTION

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The death of 325 lambs in a stockyard here was caused by indigestion, not by poison, according to the report to-day of Dr. Charles Keane, state veterinarian.

The indigestion was caused by yeast in the barley upon which the lambs had been fed, Dr. Keane's report said. The barley had been prepared originally for use in brewing.

KING'S MESSAGE TO LADY SPRING-RICE

Death of Late Ambassador Brings Grief to King and Queen

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—King George last night cabled Lady Spring-Rice as follows:

"The Queen and I are deeply grieved beyond words to hear of the heavy sorrow which you have been so suddenly called upon to bear, and we assure you of our heartfelt sympathy. I and my country have lost a gifted and valuable servant.

"(Signed) GEORGE R. I."

President Wilson was informed formally of the death of the late British Ambassador in a telegram from the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada. He sent this reply:

"May I not thank you earnestly for the courtesy of your message informing me of the death of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, and beg that you will convey to Lady Spring-Rice for Mrs. Wilson and myself our profoundest sympathy with her on the death of her husband, whom we had come to esteem as a friend and admired as a man, and for whose loss we personally grieve.

"(Signed) WOODROW WILSON."

Lady Spring-Rice has sent the following telegram to Robert Lansing, United States Secretary of State, in reply to the American Government's expression of sympathy:

"Please convey to the President and the administration my most sincere thanks for the kind expression of sympathy, which I shall especially value as come from those with whom Sir Cecil had been so closely associated in public affairs, and whose personal friendship he always prized. He devoted himself to bringing our two nations into closer union, and it is a real comfort to me to know that his efforts are so generously appreciated. "(Sgd.) FLORENCE SPRING-RICE."

Service in Washington.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Of the British Embassy staff here, Commodore Guy Gaunt, naval attache; Thomas B. Holler, second counsellor; Horace Seymour, third secretary; Capt. Angus MacIntosh, honorary attache, and A. A. Patton, assistant commercial adviser, will go to Ottawa to attend the funeral of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice.

Simultaneously with the funeral at Ottawa, 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, a service will be conducted here at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. The diplomatic corps and officials of the American Government will be invited to attend.

HUGHES AND COOK TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA AT LONDON MEETING

Melbourne, Feb. 15.—It is stated that Hon. Joseph Cook will accompany Mr. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, to the Imperial Conference, and that Mr. Forest, if well, will act as Prime Minister.

The Minister of Defence of Australia states that 700 returned soldiers will be absorbed under the forestry schemes of the various states and more will be absorbed later.

The intense heat of the Victoria bush fires in the western district has caused considerable damage.

HIGHER PRICE FOR WHEAT NOW URGED IN UNITED STATES

Washington, Feb. 15.—Members of the Wheat Growers' Association here to demand that the Government raise the price of wheat from $2 to $2.75 a bushel held a meeting last night with Senators and Congressmen from Western states and told them that wheat is being fed to hogs because it is cheaper than corn and that unless the price of wheat is raised the farmers will find it financially impossible to raise it this year. They said under present conditions "wheatless weeks" will take the place of the "wheatless days" during the coming months of the war.

ENTIRE FOREIGN COMMERCE OF U. S. NOW IS REGULATED

Washington, Feb. 15.—By a new proclamation to-day President Wilson placed all exports to all countries under license by the War Trade Board after to-morrow. The proclamation also applies the license system to all imports and thus places the entire foreign commerce of the country under the license system of the War Trade Board.

It is one of the steps of reducing ocean-carrying of non-essentials to release ships for transportation of troops and war materials.

PROPOSED AID FOR FARMERS IN ALBERTA

Edmonton, Feb. 15.—The Government of Alberta proposes to pass a bill at the present session of the Legislature empowering the municipalities and local improvement districts throughout the province to supply seed grain to farmers who have been hailed out or whose crops have been killed by drought during the present year.

NO VOTES FOR WOMEN IN SOUTH AFRICA

London, Feb. 14.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The motion in Cape Town to grant the franchise to women was defeated in the Union Assembly, fifty-four to thirty-nine.

CAPT. VERNON CASTLE KILLED IN TEXAS

Famous American Dancer Had Fought as Airmen for Allies

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 15.—Captain Vernon Castle, of the British Royal Flying Corps, the famous dancer, was killed this morning while flying fifteen miles west of Fort Worth. In trying to avoid a cadet, he swerved his machine beyond his control, fell and was unable to right himself. The cadet is an American, but was being instructed by the British. His name is R. Peters. His only injury is a black eye.

Castle never regained consciousness but died in the field hospital twenty minutes after the fall from concussion of the brain. Castle belonged to the 84th Royal Flying Corps squadron.

Castle's plane was only fifty feet above the ground and was going rapidly. The plane with which collision was threatened was just rising.

Castle was in the front seat of his machine instructing a cadet, instead of in the rear seat, where the instructor usually rides. Had he occupied the rear seat he would not have been injured. When he saw the danger of a collision with the approaching plane, Castle undertook what aviators know as an "immelman turn." The plane failed to respond.

The accident occurred at the aerodrome at Benbrook.

Castle had made more than 150 flights over the German lines in the West and was a hero of many exploits in the war zone. His work had been especially on the Flanders front and covered a period of nine months. He came to Fort Worth last October with Lord Wellesley.

Reputation in U. S.

New York, Feb. 15.—Vernon Castle had a national reputation as a dancer. His home was here.

When the war broke out he and Mrs. Castle became interested in war work, and Mr. Castle took up aviation. He was born in Norwich, Eng., May 2, 1887. His right name was Vernon Blythe.

Soon after receiving his aviator license he sailed from New York for England to join the British aerial service. In March, 1916, he was appointed a temporary lieutenant in the British Royal Flying Corps. Shortly afterward there came a report of his death while flying in France.

Mrs. Castle followed her husband abroad to visit him. Returning from a second visit a year later, she announced that her husband had been decorated with a medal for valorous action on the Western front. She said he had brought down two German aviators.

To Canada.

Castle returned from the French front in April, 1917, and joined the Royal Flying Corps in Canada as an instructor with the rank of captain. The following month he was reported to have had a narrow escape from death in an accident while flying at Camp Mohawk. The cadet who was flying with Captain Castle in the machine at the time was killed. When a Canadian contingent of the flying corps was transferred to Texas last Fall for winter training, Captain Castle went with it as an instructor.

Mrs. Castle, who is now one of the star actresses of a motion picture concern, was prostrated to-day upon receiving the news of her husband's death.

On the Stage.

While both the Castles gained their reputations chiefly as dancers both had stage careers, in which they played star roles. They established a dancing school here called "Castle House," which became famous. Here they taught the modern dances such as the "tango" and the "fox trot," and attracted a clientele among the leaders of New York society. While abroad both of them danced before the Queen of Great Britain, it was reported.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP FOUNDERED AND TEN SAILORS LOST LIVES

New York, Feb. 15.—Ten men of the officers and crew of the British steamship Miguel de Larrinaga, of nearly 5,000 tons, perished in mid-ocean on February 6 when the vessel foundered. A cargo of grain bound for France went down with the ship.

A British warship rescued twenty-seven men who had taken to small boats, and some of these servivors have arrived here from a Newfoundland port.

OTTAWA URGED TO FIX WHEAT PRICE FOR REST OF WAR

Regina, Feb. 15.—A resolution calling upon the Government to fix the price of wheat to the farmer for 1918 and to fix a minimum price for the remainder of the war and the year following was passed practically without discussion by the 2,000 farmers at the annual convention of the Grain Growers' Association of Saskatchewan here yesterday.

Another important resolution passed during the session requests the Government to remove the duty on all fuel and lubricating oils.

ENEMY ALIENS IN U. S. MUST REPORT PROPERTY

Washington, Feb. 15.—A nation-wide dragnet is being spread by A. Mitchell Palmer, Alien Property Custodian in the United States, to locate enemy aliens who through ignorance of the law or malicious intent fail to make report of their property holding to his office.

C. P. R. STILL FURTHER REDUCES ITS SERVICE

National Emergency Requires aCncellation of Additional Trains in West

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Further reductions in the passenger and mixed train services of the C. P. R. on western lines will go into effect on Sunday, February 24. The proposed reductions are: Trains, 245 and 246 between Reston and Wolseley, reduced to three days a week.

Trains 57 and 58 now running between Winnipeg and Yorkton will run between Portage la Prairie and Russell and the double daily mixed train service between Russell and Binscarth will be withdrawn.

Trains 527 and 528 between Hardisty and Edmonton reduced to three days a week.

Trains 315 and 316 between Moose Jaw and Portal to be withdrawn.

D. C. Coleman, assistant general manager of the C. P. R., commenting on reductions, said: "The Canadian Railway Association for National Defence has been in consultation with the Fuel Controller and it is felt that further efforts must be made to reduce the consumption of coal. It is realized that these reductions mean inconvenience to the public and loss of revenue to the railways. Nevertheless, it must be admitted that the United States dealt generously with Canada in distributing the coal mined last year in that country and we have suffered but little from fuel shortage, while the Americans have seen their train service slaughtered, and have had to endure real hardships.

"This does not make the best of feeling and we should gladly take our full share of the burden. If we do not we can hardly expect preferential treatment in the future. Many industries and some of the railways in Canada are depending on the United States for coal and it is a vital matter to ensure that supply for the future.

"It is expected that the reductions in most cases will be temporary and the Association is confident tha' Western people will cheerfully co-operate."

PRINCE OF WALES TO OCCUPY HIS SEAT IN HOUSE OF LORDS

London, Feb. 15.—The Prince of Wales, who automatically became a member of the House of Lords on attaining his majority, but who did not take his sea, will do so next Tuesday, according to The Times.

The Prince of Wales was twenty-three years old on June 23 last.

HEAVY SENTENCES FOR BERLIN STRIKERS

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—A number of persons who took part in the recent strikes in Berlin have been sentenced to prison by an extraordinary court-martial. The heaviest sentence, forty-two months of penal servitude, was imposed on a metal worker named Ratajoselk for attempting to hold up a street car. Another metal worker named Meyer was condemned to serve eighteen months for a similar offence. One boy of seventeen, also a metal worker, was sentenced to a term of one year and six months for distributing leaflets and urging women to strike.

MORE WHEAT WILL BE GROWN IN ONTARIO

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Steps have been taken by the Ontario Government to increase wheat growing in the Province. An initial purchase has been made of 50,000 bushels of No. 1 Marquis wheat, which will be sold to the farmers in bags at $2.75 a bushel. The seed will be handled through the market branch of the Department of Agriculture. Plans now are being made to secure warehouse space at several points throughout the province.

BONAR LAW'S SCHEME OF CONTINUOUS BORROWING

London, Feb. 15.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—In the House of Commons Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that at the end of last week £352,000,000 of war bonds had been sold. He had adopted this system of continuous borrowing as a substitute for a loan and he now had every hope it would be successful.

VANCOUVER ROTARIAN HONORED BY FELLOWS

Spokane, Feb. 15.—Alex. R. McFarlane, of Vancouver, B. C., to-day was elected district governor of the Rotary Clubs of the 15th district at the annual convention of the organization.

Portland was awarded the next annual convention.

FALL IN MINE.

Halifax, Feb. 15.—As the result of a fall in the roof near the bore-hole leading from the Albion mine to the McGregor seam at Stellarton, operations in the latter have been temporarily suspended as a precautionary measure. Repairs are now under way, and it is expected that operations will be resumed to-morrow.

UNITED FARMERS OF B. C.

Vernon, Feb. 15.—A branch of the United Farmers of British Columbia was organized here last night with A. T. Howe as president, B. M. Richards as vice-president, and J. R. Brown as secretary. J. L. Prudhome, of Kelowna, and R. A. Copeland, of Lumby, are touring the Okanagan and acting as organization agents for the United Farmers. A provincial convention will be held at Victoria on February 20.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

	High.	Low.	Last.
Ames Holden, pref.	..	..	47 A
Brazilian Traction	35¾	35¾	35¾
Can. Cement, com.	..	..	58 A
Do., pref.	..	..	90 A
Can. Car Fdy., pref.	..	..	65 B
Can. S. S., com.	..	..	42½
Do., pref.	76¾	76¾	76¾
Can. Locomotive	..	..	58 B
Can. Gen. Elec.	..	..	105½B
Civic Inv. & Ind.	74	74	74
Cons. M. & S.	..	..	25 B
Dom. I. & S., x d.	60¾	60¾	60¾
Dom. Textile	..	..	85 A
Lake of Woods Milling	..	..	127 B
Laurentide Co.	..	..	155 B
Mackay Co.	76	76	76
N. S. Steel, com.	..	..	66½B
Ogilvie Milling Co.	..	..	150 B
Penmans, Ltd.	73¾	73¼	73¾
Quebec Railway	..	..	19 B
Riordon Paper	..	..	117½B
Shawinigan	..	..	110½B
Spanish River Pulp	..	..	14½A
Steel of Can.	..	..	53¾A
Toronto Railway	..	..	60 B
Can. Salt	..	..	120 B

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TO-DAY'S TRADING ON WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—At the outset of the session to-day the advance to 90 cents for May futures in oats was too rapid for the cash grain handlers, with the result that they pulled out of the cash market entirely. After midday, when the futures became more settled, there were a few buyers for the various carloads offered at prices that showed declines of from 1 to 2 cents as compared with former spreads.

In the cash barley market the course was similar to that of oats, with the option easing somewhat with the break in oats, which was only natural after the sharp advance of Thursday. Cash flax was strong and higher in sympathy with the big bulge in Duluth.

Oats closed ½ cent lower for May futures at 88¾; July ¼ lower at 86¾. Barley closed 1¼ lower for May at 164¼. Flax closed 6 cents higher for May at 341.

Oats—	Open.	Close.
Old Contract—		
May	..	88¾
New Contract—		
May	89¾	88¾
July	88	86¾
Barley—		
May	166	164¼
Flax—		
May	338	341

Cash prices: Oats—2 C. W., 87¾; 3 C. W., 84¾; extra 1 feed, 84¾; 1 feed, 81¾; 2 feed, 78¾.

Barley—3 C. W., 160¼; 3 C. W., 155¾; rejected, 132; feed, 131.

Flax—1 N. W. C., 336; 2 C. W., 332½; 3 C. W., 325.

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OATS BROKE TO-DAY ON CHICAGO MARKET

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

Chicago, Feb. 15.—There was a good demand for grain here in the early trading. Offerings were scanty and easily absorbed. A rumor that the Government was placing an embargo caused some selling after the first hour and when this was confirmed and it was announced that the embargo was very drastic, not only preventing elevators reloading cars, but preventing them from shipping anything east without a permit, the market broke sharply.

Corn—	Open	High	Low	Last
March	127¼	127¼	127¼	127¼
May	125¾	126¼	125¾	126
Oats—				
March	85¼	85¾	84	84¾
May	83¾	83¾	81¾	82¾

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NEW YORK CURB.

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

	Bid.	Asked.
Canada Cotton	2	2½
Standard Silver Lead	3	7-16
Wright-Martin Aeroplane	7¼	7¾
Curtiss Aeroplane	36¼	36¾
Chevrolet Motors	109	110
Ray Hercules	4¾	4½
Cosden Oil	8	8¼
Merritt Oil	21	21½
Northwest Oil	60	62
United Motors	24¼	24¾
New Cornelia	16¾	16¾
Cuullinan Copper	99	100
Shannon	5	5¼
Mid. West. Refining	108	109
Mid. West Oil	110	111
Cons. Copper	5¼	5¾
Kerr Lake	5¾	5¾
Elk	6¾	6½
Submarine Boat	12½	12¾
Aetna Explosives	6¾	7
Caledonia	45	47
Emma Copper	1	1¾
Success Mining	8	10
Howe Sound Mining	3¾	4
Hecla Mining	3¾	3¾

PLANS OF UNIONISTS IN VANCOUVER CITY

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—A Unionist organization which would be of a permanent nature was discussed last night at a gathering here called for the purpose, and it was unanimously decided that the chairman, J. H. Senkler, should appoint a committee of such size as he should desire to formulate plans, prepare resolutions, etc., to be submitted at a regular meeting to be called when the ground has been prepared. The meeting last night was attended by approximately seventy-five, a large number of whom were women, which fact caused Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, the principal speaker, to suggest that the gathering was not sufficiently representative of the great Unionist majority in Vancouver Centre.

FURTHER ADVANCES IN NEW YORK STOCKS

Railroad and Equipment Shares Lead in a Cheerful Market

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

New York, Feb. 15.—The demand for railroad shares is on the increase and the stock market here had a much better appearance to-day than for a long time. There has been an increasing interest in the minor rails and these will meet with much favor. The locomotive stocks were particularly strong. Charles M. Schwab said that he had contracted with the United States Government to furnish within fifteen to eighteen months as many torpedo boats as there are in the combined navies of the world.

	High	Low	Last
Allis-Chalmers	24¾	24¼	24¼
Am. Beet Sugar	79¾	79	79¼
Am. Sugar Rfg.	106¾	106	106¼
Am. Can Co., com.	40¾	39¾	40¼
Am. Car Foundry	74¼	73¾	74¼
Am. Locomotive	63¾	61¼	63¾
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	84¼	83	83¾
Am. T. & Tel.	106	105¾	106
Am. Wool, com.	53¼	53	53¼
Am. Steel Foundry	64¼	63	64¼
Anaconda Mining	63¼	62¼	63¼
Agr. Chemical	89	89	89
Atchison	85¼	85	85¼
Atlantic Gulf	119¾	117¼	118¼
Baldwin Loco.	72	68¼	72
Baltimore & Ohio	52¼	51½	52¼
Bethlehem Steel B	78¾	77¼	78¼
Butte Sup. Mining	19¾	18¼	19¾
Brooklyn Transit	43	43	43
Canadian Pacific	147¼	146¾	147¼
Central Leather	70¾	69¾	70¾
Crucible Steel	61¼	60¼	60¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	53¾	53¾	54¼
Chic., Mil. & St. P	43¼	42¼	43¼
Chic., R. I. & Pac.	21¼	20¾	21
Colo. Fuel & Iron	38	38	38
Cons. Gas	91¼	90¾	91¼
Chino Copper	43¾	42¾	43¾
Cal. Petroleum	17¼	16¼	17¼
Chile Copper	16¾	16¼	16¼
Corn Products	35	34¼	34¾
Distillers Sec.	41	40¼	40¼
Erie	15¾	15	15¾
Do., 1st pref.	26	25	26
Gen. Electric	140¾	139¼	139¾
Goodrich (B. F.)	47¼	46¼	47¼
Gt. Nor. Ore	27¾	27¾	27¾
Gt. Northern, pref.	92¼	91¾	92¼
Hide & Leat., pref.	12¾	12¼	12¼
Inspiration Cop.	46¾	44¾	46¾
Int'l Nickel, x d.	28¼	27¾	28
Int'l Mer. Marine	26¾	25¾	26¾
Do., pref.	99	97¼	98¼
Illinois Central	94¼	94¼	94¼
Kennecott Copper	33	32¾	33
Lehigh Valley	59	58¾	59
Lack. Steel	78¼	78¼	78¼
Louisville & N.	113¼	113¼	113¼
Maxwell Motors	28¼	28	28¼
Midvale Steel	45¾	44¾	45¼
Mex. Petroleum	93¼	90¾	92¾
Miami Copper	31¼	31¼	31¼
Missouri Pacific	24	22¾	23¼
Mo., Kas. & Texas	5	4¾	5
National Lead	53	53	53
New York Central	71¼	71	71¼
Norfolk & Western	106¼	105¾	106¼
Northern Pacific	85	84	85
Nevada Cons. Copper	18¾	18¾	18¾
Pennsylvania R. R.	45	45	45
People's Gas	46	44¼	46
Pressed Steel Car	63¾	63	63¾
Reading	77¼	76	77
Ry. Steel Spring	54¼	53	54
Ray Cons. Mining	24¼	24	24¼
Republic Steel	77¾	76¼	77¼
Southern Pacific	85¾	85	85¾
Southern Ry., com.	24¾	24	24¾
Do., pref.	59¼	58¾	59¼
Studebaker Corpn.	51¼	50¼	50¾
The Texas Company	157¼	155¼	157
Union Pacific	119¼	118	119¼
Utah Copper	82¾	81¾	82¾
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	125¾	124¼	125¼
U. S. Rubber	58¼	57¼	58¼
U. S. Steel, com.	96¾	95	96
Do., pref.	111	110¼	111
Virginia Chem.	40¼	40	40¼
Western Union	89	89	89
Wabash R. R. "A"	42	42	42
Willy's Overland	18¾	18¼	18¾
Westinghouse Elec.	41¾	41¼	41¾
An. Fr. Loan	89¾	89¾	89¾
Gen. Mo.	135¼	130¼	131
Pub. Prod.	55¼	54¾	54¾
Nat. Cond.	17¾	17	17¾
Cub. Cane Sugar	32	31¼	32
Un. Cgr. Sto.	96¾	94¾	96¾
Sin. Oil	37¼	36¾	37¼
Ohio Gas, x d.	41¼	41	41¼
Int. Paper	31¾	31	31¾
Un. Fruit	130	128¼	129
Penn. Coal	52	50¾	51¾
Lib. Loan	98.14	97.58	97.92
Lib. Loan 4s	96.08	95.14	95.98

NEW YORK COTTON.

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	Open	High	Low	Last
March	30.03	30.14	30.03	30.10
May	29.59	29.67	29.45	29.63
July	29.09	29.11	29.00	29.07
Oct.	28.00	28.07	27.85	27.91
Dec.	27.75	27.80	27.72	27.78

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MOTORSHIP STASIA EXPECTED HERE NEXT WEEK TO COMPLETE

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—The French auxiliary schooner Stasia will take 500,000 feet of lumber from here for Kobe and Yokohama in addition to a shipment of bar iron. The vessel is loading at Evans, Coleman & Evans dock and will not get away until next week. She will call at Victoria to load some rails for the Orient.

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BRITISH PRESS STILL DISCUSSES ROBERTSON

Deals With Rumor Regarding Removal of Chief of Staff

London, Feb. 15.—The rumor of the compulsory retirement of Gen. Sir William Robertson as Chief of Staff, which began after The Daily Mail's sharp attack on him and Field-Marshal Haig a few days before the meeting of the Supreme War Council at Versailles and constituted the subject of a large part of the debate in the House of Commons this week, continues to be discussed by the newspapers.

The Times takes the position that no one cares a rap what first class soldier is selected for this or that great military appointment. It says unstinted confidence is reposed in Field-Marshal Haig because the army trusts his leadership, which is a vital factor in the army's morale. But as to the work of others, in the nature of things next to nothing can be known.

In a letter to The Morning Post the Duke of Somerset takes a strong stand, saying: "It is apparent that an attempt is being made to take the command of our armies out of the hands of our generals who have so successfully carried on the war, and to put ignorant civilians in actual command of our forces. We cannot afford such a disaster."

BRITISH LABOR MEN CONFER WITH GOMPERS

Washington, Feb. 15.—Representative of British organized labor who have just arrived in this country conferred here yesterday with Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, regarding labor questions of both countries. Included in the delegation are W. A. Appleton, secretary of the General Federation of British Trades Unions; Joshua Butterworth, representing the Shipwrights' Association; Charles Duncan, a labor leader in the House of Commons, and William Losses, director of the labor enlistment complaint section of the British Ministry of Munitions.

COPIES OF "FINISHED MYSTERY" WERE SEIZED

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—Headquarters of the International Bible Students' Association fell under the displeasure of the police to-day as well as three private residences, and a number of copies of banned publications, "The Finished Mystery" and "War—What For?" were seized. The forbidden volumes weighed about 200 pounds. No arrests were made.

HUGHES UPHELD.

Sydney, Feb. 15.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—At a meeting of the council of the National Association a resolution declaring that the interests of the Commonwealth and the National party required the resignation of Mr. Hughes from the premiership and the National party leadership was rejected 70 to 6.

HER HOPE.

"We must all hope for the best."

"I know it. I'm hoping John will give me a diamond ring for Christmas."

SAY VON HERTLING MERELY IRONICAL

German Papers Speak of His Reference to British Coaling Stations

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—Commenting on the speech made by Mr. Lloyd George in the British House of Commons this week, German newspapers argue that Chancellor von Hertling's reference to British coaling stations was not at all a question of German "demands."

Nobody in Germany, The Vorwaerts says, saw anything in the Chancellor's remark but an ironical interpretation of President Wilson's principles, which "illogically carried out might prove inconvenient to America's allies." It adds that evidently the speech-making on the freedom of the seas, instead of removing misunderstandings, is creating new ones. Therefore, it declares, a direct discussion is preferable.

The Tagelische Rundschau, discussing Mr. Wilson's recent speech, says the President is angry because "we supposedly wanted to give a portion of American territory to Mexico which, however, was only the unfortunate idea conceived in a state of terror by one diplomat."

"President Wilson," it says, "would cheerfully amputate Alsace-Lorraine, Posen and West Prussia, while assuring the German people his unvarying sympathy."

GERMAN DESTROYERS DID TARRY AFTER RAID OFF ENGLAND

London, Feb. 15.—A swift raid was made by a flotilla of large German torpedo boat destroyers at 1 a.m. today on British patrol forces in the Strait of Dover. Information discloses that the following craft, which were occupied in hunting a submarine which had been sighted by the patrol, were sunk: The trawler James Pond and the drifters Jamie Murray, Clover Bank, Welcott, Cosmos, Silver Queen, Veracity and Christina Craig.

The enemy destroyers returned rapidly to the north before any of the British sea forces could engage them.

KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

Seattle, Feb. 15.—An automobile carrying four Seattle people to a Tacoma funeral to-day skidded into a ditch near Kent, Wash. As a result Mrs. Elizabeth Veu, wife of a Seattle hotel proprietor, is dead, and her three companions are in hospital.

VANCOUVER LUNCHEON.

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—The foreign trade bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade will hold a special luncheon at the Hotel Vancouver next Wednesday and the guests of honor will be Senor E. S. Gravo, the new Mexican consul-general here, and Tienmu K. Lin, of a Chinese bank.

NEEDED A MAP.

"Whither are we bound?" shrieked the calamity lecturer. "I say again—whither, O whither are we bound?"

"Say, you," called a man in the rear, "you've been trying all night to find out where you're go'n. If you don't know your station get a map."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

QUEEN TO RELIEVE PAPER SHORTAGE

San Francisco Publishers Interested in Arrival of Steamship Queen

With over 300 passengers aboard, the steamship Queen, of the Pacific Steamship Company, sailed from the Outer Docks at 5.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon for San Francisco. Forty-two passengers boarded the steamship here. The freight carried by the Queen consisted principally of flour and paper. The publishers at San Francisco are reported to be threatened with a shortage of print paper and the Queen carried a large quantity to relieve the situation.

Among the passengers bound for the South by the steamship were W. E. Koberle and family, of Manila, Philippine Islands. Mr. Koberle is identified with extensive mining interests in the Philippines, and is returning there by way of San Francisco. Other passengers included Lieut. C. D. Alden and wife, and Lieut. H. Evans, who are on their way to join their units at San Francisco, and Howard Ewing and wife. Mr. Ewing was formerly agent for the Pacific Steamship Company at Juneau.

J. W. Armstrong, district passenger agent for the Pacific Steamship Company at Seattle, is in the city to-day on business. This is Mr. Armstrong's first tour of the various agencies since his appointment to the position.

LOG TOWERS REACH PORT AFTER STORM

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—A number of log towers have reached port after long trips from the north. The Haro, Peerless, Daunutless, Native, Squid, Jessie Mac and Chieftain are among the arrivals and the big tug Sea Lion is in from Green Point, with a boom and reports never losing a log. Tugs are now out in the Gulf rounding up the many logs adrift. These timbers are scattered off the Ballenas Islands and from Sechelt to Welcome Pass.

C. P. R. ENGINEER DEAD.

Formerly an engineer on one of the Canadian Pacific liners plying between here and the Orient, Robert Currie, a well-known marine engineer, passed away on Tuesday night at Vancouver. He was sixty years of age and came out to Canada from Greenock, Scotland, about twelve years ago.

SEATTLE MAN "K. OED."

Tacoma, Feb. 15.—Steve Reynolds, Seattle heavyweight, was knocked out by Frank Farmer in the sixth round here last night. The bout was fairly even for three rounds when Reynolds began to weaken, and Farmer gradually beat his man into submission.

NORTHWEST BOWLING.

Spokane, Feb. 15.—The annual tournament of the Pacific International Northwest Bowling Congress will be held here the week of April 8, it was announced last night by F. F. Townsend of this city, the secretary. He said twenty-five entries from this city have been promised, and that teams from Seattle, Vancouver, Portland and other northwest cities have also promised to compete.

NOT VERY COMPLIMENTARY TO MUSICIANS.

Exceptions to the rule are of interest particularly because they are exceptions to the rule. Ruskin once went to the opera and his recorded opinion of the performance took a variety of adjectives to fully describe and among them was not one that even had a complimentary favor. His displeasure with the one opera by no means marks him as not being a lover of music. The rule is that everyone is fond of music. Men hold a diversity of religious beliefs but there are few infidels. Similarly the man who is not in the least impressed by music is a rare specimen. It seems that Charles Lamb, that writer of good English, was one of these curios. In a poem published just before his death he referred to his being made with an unmusical nature by saying, "I sit at oratorios like a fish, incapable of sound, and only wish the thing was over." In society Lamb moved among a set of cultured musicians and heard much music. He wrote some lines in an album for one of these musical friends, which are quoted in the Life of Charles Lamb by E. V. Lucas under the heading "Free thoughts on some eminent composers." This is the sentiment of them:

Some cry up Haydn, some Mozart,
Just as the whim bites. For my part
I do not care one farthing candle
For either of them, nor for Handel.

Farther on he proceeds:

The devil, with his foot so cloven,
For aught I care may take Beethoven.
And if the bargain does not suit,
I'll throw him Weber in to boot.
There's not the splitting of a splinter
To choose 'twixt him last named and Winter.

Still again he says:

I would not go four miles to visit
Sebastian Bach—or "Batch"—which is it?

Sometimes one is tempted to wonder if a man who professes such an attitude is not affecting an outward attitude altogether different from the real one underneath. Many a kindly and extremely charitable heart is hidden back of a gruff and seemingly discourteous manner. However, it is unnecessary to seek an explanation for such unmusical persons as Charles Lamb set up to be are fewer and farther between than hen's teeth.

A VIVID DESCRIPTION.

A country paper contains this paragraph in regard to a local wedding:

"The bride wore a lizard green silk, on whose cheek blossomed the flush of dawning womanhood."

QUICK RESPONSE TO CALL FOR SHIPYARD WORKERS IN STATES

Washington, Feb. 15.—More than half of the great number of shipyard workers needed to carry out the country's merchant marine programme have been secured in the first half of the first week of the nation-wide enrollment campaign by the United States public service reserve. This is shown by incomplete returns to William Hall, director of the reserve. Mr. Hall pointed out to-day that to get suitable men is more important than speed in attaining the quota. He emphasized the fact that men are not expected to leave their present jobs until they are called upon by the Labor Department for Shipbuilding Service.

QUEER USES FOR AEROPLANES.

The aviator is constantly finding new lines of activity for his skill and courage. In South America the aeroplane has been used with great success in surveying remote areas, where its speed readily outclasses the laborious chainman. An enterprising mining company in Mexico is about to utilize aeroplanes for carrying ores under unique conditions. The ore is mined at an altitude of some 10,000 feet and carried to the valley below by pack-mules. The mules carry only small loads, two-thirds of which consist of fodder and provisions. Several days are required to wind down the tortuous path on the mountain sides. The aeroplanes can volplane to the valley in a few minutes, and have no trouble with their loads in reaching the 10,000 feet altitude.

The herds of cattle which graze on the great San Cristobal ranch in New Mexico once required the attention of 150 cowboys. By using automobiles the herding was done as well by seven men. The management is now installing aviators, whose vastly superior speed will "round up" the most widely scattered herds with great saving of time and money. A great future is prophesied for the aero cow-puncher.

The first aerial lineman started on his unique round of duties more than three years ago. An experienced airman, Robert G. Fowler, was engaged by a power company in Sacramento, California, to carry an expert once a week to inspect two divisions of wire lines some sixty miles in length. The wires are strung over several valleys, the deltas of the Sacramenta and Joaquin rivers, and into the Contra Costa range of mountains, where their elevation is at times 2,000 feet. A large force of men had previously been required to patrol the lines, looking for broken insulators, fallen wires and other damages. The work was done much better by a single aerial lineman. It was found that a broken insulator could be discovered while flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet.—Tit-Bits.

The sergeant-instructor was suspicious and angry. "Why aren't you working out the sum—you've got a pen and paper, haven't you?" he demanded. The pupil replied that he supposed the only thing required was the answer, and he had furnished it, and so saved the paper. "Yes, but where did you get the answer from—who told you?" he was asked by the puzzled instructor. "I did it in my head," he was assured. "Oh, that's simply swank!" retorted his master. But in course of time he found that his "pupil" really did know something of the matter in hand—and promoted him. "You shall read out the sums to the rest," he said.—London Chronicle.

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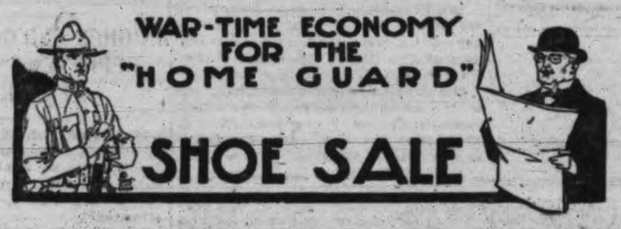

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GETTING READY FOR GREAT "IRON" MEETING

Big Things Expected as Result of Public Gathering on Wednesday

Mayor Todd will be the chairman at the great public meeting to be held at the Princess Theatre on Wednesday night, February 20, at which representative speakers will place before the people the unparalleled opportunity now existing for the development of the iron and steel industry on the Island, and the way to take advantage of it

"Good wine needs no bush," and with an object which has for its accomplishment not only a great and necessary development which shall secure the opening up of industries on Vancouver Island but shall also work out for the benefit of the whole province, it is safe to say every citizen is vitally interested, and will try to be present at the meeting.

On the platform with the Mayor will be Mayor Gale, of Vancouver, who will be one of the speakers. According to present arrangements other speakers who will address the meeting will be ex-Mayor J. L. Beckwith, president of the Victoria and Island Development Association; W. A. Jameson, vice-president of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association; J. F. Bledsoe, mining engineer, of Alberni; R. R. Neild, manager of the Victoria Machinery Company, and a speaker from the Island north of Victoria.

Start of Campaign.

Apart from Victoria, representative men from all over the Island have expressed their intention of coming to the meeting in large numbers, and it is to be borne in mind that, although it is the intention to select the delegates to go to Ottawa on the morning after this first meeting, the work before the people here will be by no means finished with the dispatch of the deputation to Ottawa.

When those delegates arrive at the Capital they will "get busy" with the Dominion Cabinet, pressing upon them the unrivalled opportunity, the "war" and future need for the material, and the outstanding fact that a great wealth of the latter lies right here to be given by mother earth "for the asking." While they are engaged in this mission, which will have the active support of the Island, Mainland, and also the Western members of the Dominion House at the Capital there will be need for every effort to be made nearer home, that is, with the Provincial Legislature. And the men working for the success of the movement here do not intend to allow any grass to grow under their feet.

Good Thing For All.

In addition to the task of following up the matter with the Provincial Cabinet which, it is well-known, has the fullest sympathy with the undertaking in every shape and form, there will be publicity work to be carried through, not only in Victoria but in every district of the Island. Recognizing that the development of the iron and steel industry must be a good thing for every part of the province, co-workers on the mainland will also be busy in stirring up the public to formulate plans for taking hold of what belongs to them, and securing the big and continued material rewards which must follow.

Therefore, the meeting to be held on Wednesday night will only be the first public meeting of a series to be continued throughout the Island and elsewhere until complete success be achieved. The date is Wednesday, February 20; the place the Princess Theatre; the time 8 p. m.

WON MILITARY CROSS AT PASSCHENDAELE

Maj. E. G. P. Baker, M. C., Now Visiting City, is Officer of 47th Battalion

Major E. G. P. Baker, M. C., who has been the guest of F. W. Jones, president of the Victoria Branch of the Canadian Red Cross, at 933 Foul Bay Road, since he arrived in the city a few days ago, is leaving on Sunday for Winnipeg, where his family now reside.

Leaving Victoria, in 1915, where, in September, 1914, he was a lieutenant in the 5th (British Columbia) Regiment, Major Baker has secured his promotion while serving with the 47th Battalion all through the time that unit has been at the front. He fought in the Ypres Salient, at the bitter and, at last, finally successful attempt to capture the Regina trench between Courcelette and Bapaume, at Vimy Ridge, Lens and, last, at Passchendaele.

It was at the latter place he won the Military Cross, and it was not until his recent arrival in Canada that the official notice of the award of the distinction was made.

On his way back to Victoria Major Baker spent three weeks in Winnipeg, and is returning to that city to spend as much time as he can with his people before going back to England, where he has to report again for duty the first week in April. At the present time he is on special leave, occasioned through a severe attack of trench fever. Prior to the war Major Baker was a member of the firm of Jackson and Baker, barristers, of this city.

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SPEAKS OF RELIGIONS OF PEOPLES OF INDIA

Mrs. Arthur Mayne Gives Delightful Address Before Members of Vagabond Club

The various religions of the heterogeneous collection of races who people India formed the subject of an interesting and instructive address given by Mrs. Arthur Mayne last night before about thirty-five members of the Vagabond Club. As in her previous lectures on this vast Empire, Mrs. Mayne showed a wide knowledge of her subject and the little digressions revealing her personal experiences brought to mind Kipling's lines:

"I have eaten your bread and salt;
I have drunk your water and wine;
The deaths you have died, I have watched beside,
And the lives ye led were mine."

The speaker opened with a few general remarks concerning the six principal religions of the three hundred millions who form the population of India: Hindu, Mohammedan, Jain, Sikh and Parsee. Of this vast number, seventy per cent. were Hindus.

Hinduism.

Hinduism was the oldest religion dating from 600 B. C., while the "Rig Vadas," the literature of the Hindus, date from about 200 B. C. The Rig Vadas were a series of hymns dealing with natural phenomena such as the rising of the sun, the moon, etc., and also refer to the spirits of departed men. Other ancient literary works were the Brahmanas, with their principal theme the ceremonial and sacrificial rites of the religion; and the Upanishads, dealing with the philosophy of Brahma.

Speaking of Hinduism, Mrs. Mayne declared that the rigid caste system which marked this religion arose from its doctrine of reincarnation. A man's place in society was determined by his "kharma," which might be described as the personality as made up in all his previous incarnations. This belief engendered the philosophical feeling that it was useless to attempt to ameliorate the conditions of a man, since such was arranged by his kharma, and each caste was apportioned his just deserts. Hinduism as practiced in India to-day had, in common with other religions, lost much of its former purity. Various accretions had grown up and from their original high ideals the Hindus had now become idolaters, with a tendency to deify the most mundane objects. They worshipped many gods. Brahma, the god of Life, was perhaps the most important, and he was worshipped under various names in the different parts of the Empire. Wonderful temples and monuments to this god were extant throughout India.

Caste System.

Referring to the caste system, Mrs. Mayne stated that the Brahmins were pre-eminent, with the pariahs on the lowest rung of the ladder, while innumerable castes intervened. Under no circumstances did a man leave his caste, but lived and married and died within it. So strong was this system that it resulted in the religion being bound up with the most intimate acts of private life, pervading even the eating and clothing of the Hindu. Among the social practices of the Hindus were such deplorable customs as "sutti"—the burning of widows upon the husband's funeral pyre—the practice of infant marriages, the cruel treatment meted out to widows since "sutti" was abolished, and the Nautch girls, who were the religious courtesans.

Buddhists.

From time to time there had been many breakings away by leaders of thought who had tried to take the Hindu religion back to its original purity, and do away with the caste system and its attendant evils. Of such were the Sikhs and Buddhists. Bhudda, according to legend, was a king's son who revolted against the tyranny of the Hindu priesthood, and after a period of silent asceticism was suddenly awakened to the four great truths, which were the principles of Bhuddism to-day. The adherents to this religion might almost be classed as agnostics, believing as they did that the soul worked out its own salvation without help from a divine power. While they believed in re-incarnation with an end in Nirvana, or total annihilation, they had no caste system, but believed that all men were brothers.

Mohammedans.

The Mohammedan religion might be called the youngest in the world, dating from the sixth century A.D. The Koran was the Bible of the Mohammedan, and many of its teachings resembled the Christian word, in such beliefs as the unity of God, the judgment day and the existence of a heaven and hell. A plurality of wives was among the tenets of the Mohammedan religion, but in common with the other religions of India, woman had no status, because she was believed to have no soul.

Jains.

The Jains were a sect of heretics who seceded from the Hindu religion. Their ideal was the attainment of Nirvana, conceived by them to be a state of blissful repose. This was only reached after undergoing a series of eight incarnations, in which the sanctity of life must be observed in all its manifestations. This absolute respect for life extended even to the insects, which no Jain would ever kill, no matter how pestilential such insects might be. By their straightforward dealings as traders this sect had attained a position in society scarcely warranted by their comparatively small numerical strength.

Sikhs.

Another heretic set were the Sikhs, who, originally a religious body, had in the time of Akbar the Great, banded themselves into a body of fighters similar to the "Ironsides" of English history. Their literature inculcated a similar doctrine to Christianity, and they believed in re-incarnation and predestination. The Sikh was pre-eminently a soldier, amenable to discipline and of unswerving loyalty, as instanced by his participation in the present war, said Mrs. Mayne.

Parsees.

The Parsee, originally of Persia, took fire for his sacred emblem. Benevolence was the chief tenet of his religion, a practise most rigidly observed, with the result that Parsee beggars were unknown. This was a vanishing race, as they would not add to their number by proselytism. They had no caste system, believed in but one god, practised monogamy and had seized with avidity upon western ideas of education.

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Daily arrivals at the office of the Victoria and Island Development Association express their astonishment at the mildness of the February weather, after the snow bound, wind swept, and rain drenched places from which they come. From every part of the continent and strangely enough particularly from California visitors the chorus of praise is sounded at this time.

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—Hosiery, Main Floor

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